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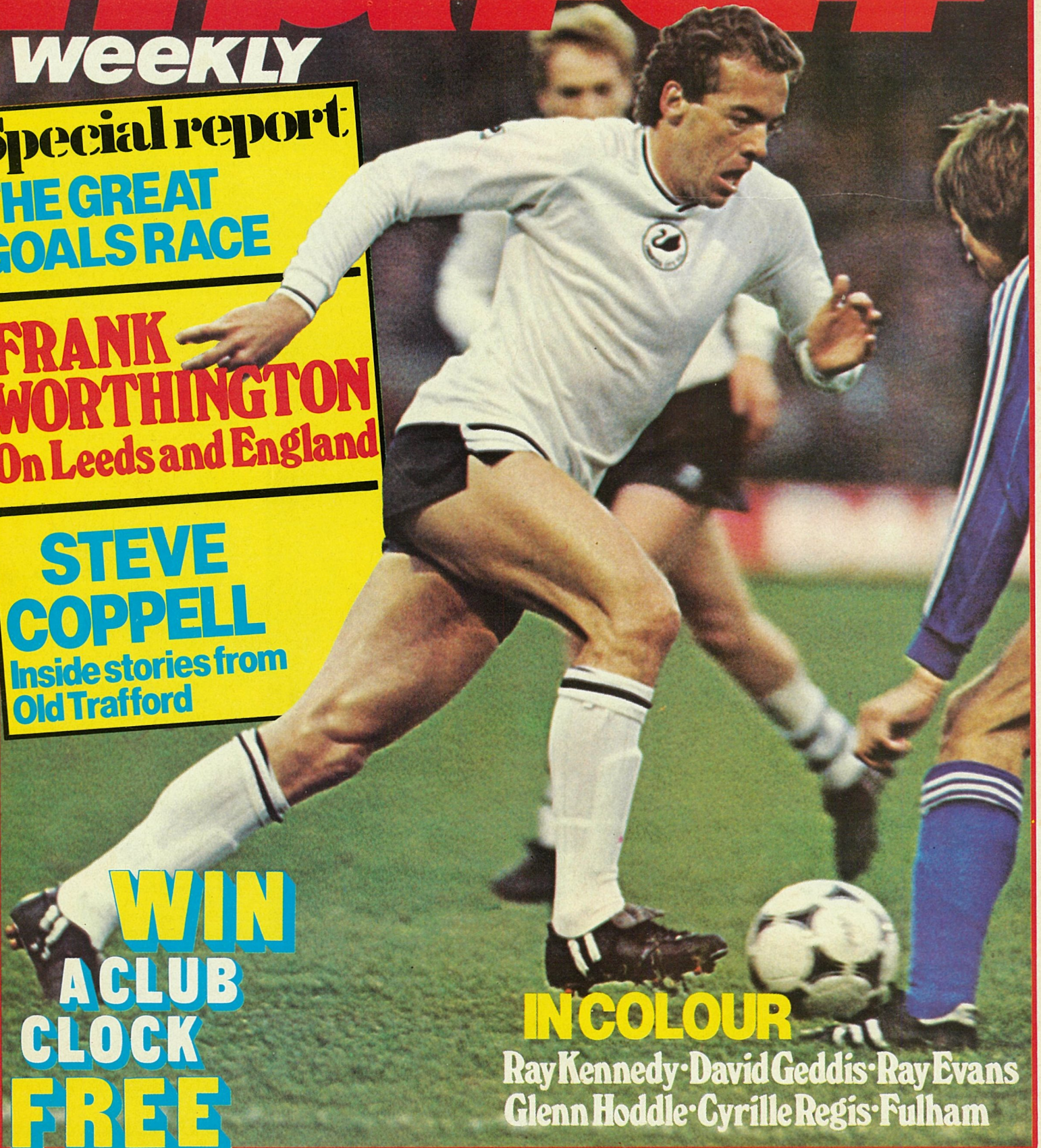
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FORMER international centre forward Frank Worthington gives his forthright views on England's chances in the World Cup . . . and reveals the inside story behind the transfer which has taken him to his sixth League club.

EXCLUSIVE story by Paul Stratton.

NEW Leeds signing Frank Worthington this week looked forward to adding another chapter to his flamboyant soccer career insisting: "Without a doubt, I could still do a job for England."

Says 33-year-old Frank, who won the last of his eight international caps against Portugal back in 1975:

"Realistically I've got no chance of playing for England again, but while you are still playing at the top level you never give up all hope."

Looking ahead to England's

chances in Spain, the swashbuckling centre-forward who lists Don Revie taking over as England manager as the biggest disappointment of his career, says:

"I honestly hope England do well, but with the present set-up I can't see them reaching the Semi-Finals."

"There are a lot of good players in the country, but I don't feel the right men are being chosen."

"At international level, you need players of real ability like Glenn Hoddle, Trevor Francis and Derek Statham."

"Too much emphasis has been placed on the hard workers and that's why we've fallen behind in world football."

With first choice England centre-forward Paul Mariner sidelined by injury, West Brom's Cyrille Regis has emerged as a

main contender for the number nine shirt Frank once wore.

But while the former Birmingham crowd-puller has a high regard for big Cyrille, he believes he may struggle against the sweeper system if he plays in Spain.

"Cyrille has done ever so well this season and I certainly rate him as a striker, but I can't see him making that much of an impression if he plays in Spain."

"He's a good player but he needs passes to run on to and, with so many foreign teams employing a sweeper system, he may not find that much space."

Playing or not, Frank hopes to be out in Spain this summer.

He says: "The only holiday I've had in the last four years was when I took my daughter Kim to Monte Carlo for a couple of weeks."

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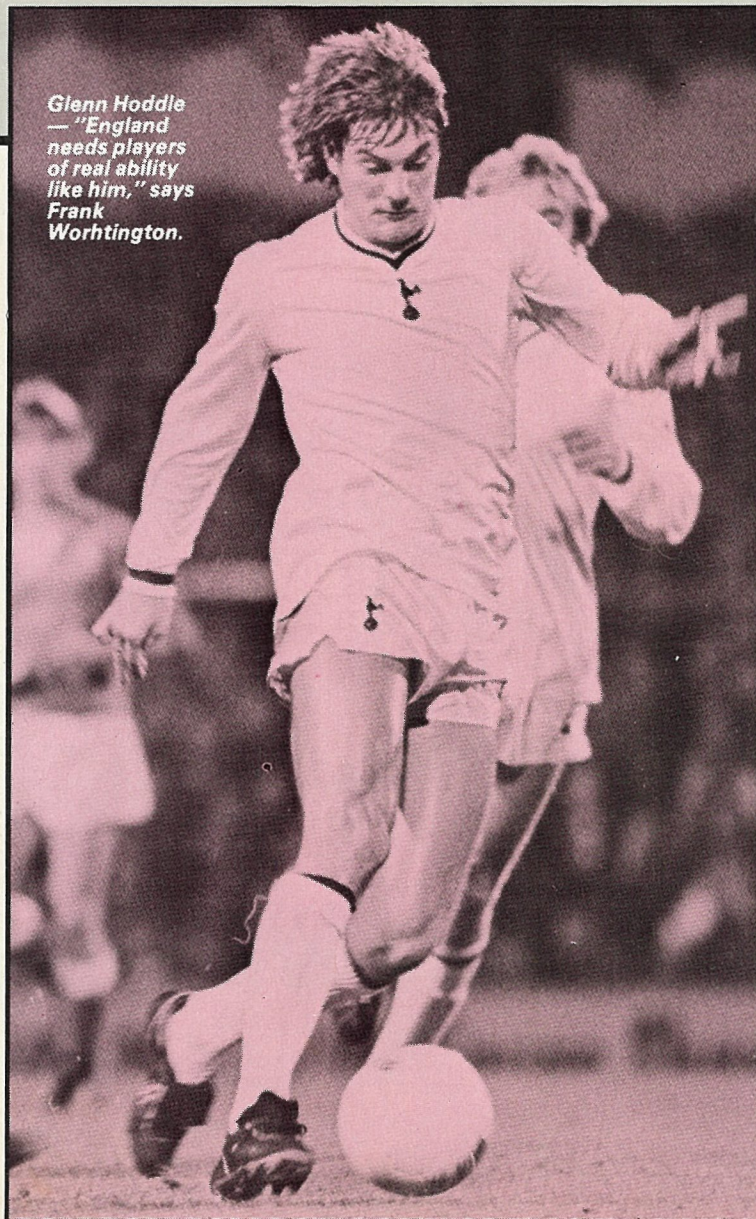
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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Swansea's Alan Curtis faces up to Ipswich Town's Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren.

Glenn Hoddle — "England needs players of real ability like him," says Frank Worthington.



Good rest

"So I think I've earned a good rest this summer and I'd like to take in a couple of World Cup matches."

"I fancy watching Brazil in action. They are my favourites to win the World Cup with West Germany and probably Argentina also in with a chance."

Frank's more immediate aims, of course, concern Leeds United — and helping lift the relegation clouds hanging over Elland Road.

In leaving Birmingham for Leeds in a straight swap deal involving Byron Stevenson, Frank has gone from one struggling club to another, but he says:

"It's nothing new for me to be playing for a team in the bottom half of the table and, while it's hard to get any sort of recognition when you are playing for a side that's not winning week in, week out, Leeds are a club geared for success."

"They were short of a goalscorer and they've bought me to find the back of the net."

"The team probably could do with another experienced head in midfield, but we have every chance of doing well."

"My contract with Leeds takes me up to the end of next season

OF AN SHIRT

New Leeds striker claims he's still international class

and you can be sure I'll be giving it my best shot," says Frank who scored Leeds' winner in only his second game for the club, against Sunderland at Roker Park.

Leeds have so often been tagged a defensive side, but while Frank will always be remembered as one of the game's great entertainers he says:

"If I were a manager, my first two buys would be defenders — a good goalkeeper and a good centre-back. Then I would build round that.

"There's no doubt Leeds have some good attacking players — in Peter Barnes and Arthur Graham they've got probably the two best wingers in the country.

"While 'Barnesy' has been something of an enigma this season, he's got devastating potential and I've always had a high regard for Arthur.

"Looking at the rest of the team, you've got Eddie Gray — one of my all-time favourites over the years — another quality player in his brother Frank, the country's top young goalkeeper in John Lukic and Kenny Burns, of course, at the heart of the defence. Kenny's the sort of player you always like to have on your side.

"Manchester United were always my team as a lad, but I used to watch Leeds at every chance I got because they were a side that demanded respect.

"Now I'm looking forward to helping them regain that aura," says Frank, who was born in Halifax and played for Huddersfield, Leicester and Bolton before signing for Birmingham in November 1979.

Three or four clubs including Manchester United, Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace showed an interest when Frank was put up for sale by former 'Blues' boss Jim Smith.

"I was happy at Birmingham because I've always liked the club,

but I was on a free transfer at the end of this season and naturally enough I suppose they wanted to get something for me.

"When Ron Saunders took over as manager, he asked me what the situation was. I told him I was on a free at the end of the season and he said he'd let me know if a club came in.

"Leeds offered the swap deal, the manager asked me if I was interested, I said yes, talked to Allan Clarke and the Leeds chairman and that was that.

"I would have been happy enough to have played under Ron Saunders, but there was a lot of talk in the Press about him not being too keen on my style so I suppose the writing was on the wall. There's no smoke without fire.

Sad to leave

"I was sad to leave Birmingham because I loved the club, but at the same time it's nice to be back in Yorkshire where I'll be surrounded by my family again."

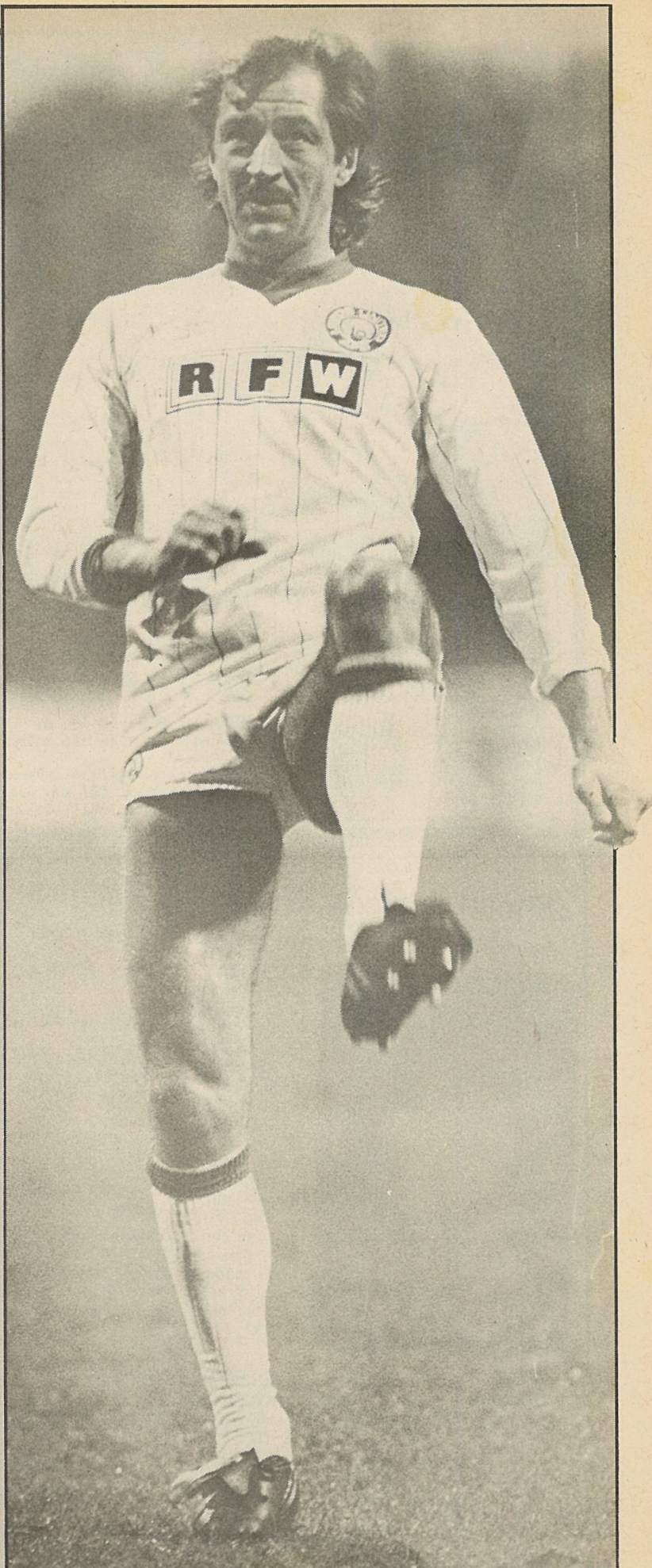
Frank spent last summer in the States playing for Tampa Bay and previous to that he also played for Philadelphia Furies in the NASL.

But while he enjoys American soccer and the lifestyle that goes with it, he's in no doubt that the English First Division is still the place to be.

"I enjoy my football wherever I'm playing, but soccer in the States is not on the same level as it is in England.

"If I had to choose, it would be this country every time.

"Look at the way teams like Spurs, Manchester United and Ipswich are performing. It can't be bad."



Frank Worthington in action on his Leeds debut: "I was sad to leave Birmingham, but Leeds are geared for success."

Albion score a double Twente!

DUTCH side Twente Enschede are proving to be almost a nursery club for First Division sides Ipswich and West Brom.

Following Ipswich's signings of midfield stars Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, West Brom have returned to the same club to bolster their team.

After the recent capture of midfield player Martin Jol, manager Ronnie Allen made a quick plane dash early this month to sign defender Romeo Zondervan.

The Dutch international cost Albion £250,000.



New West Brom signing Romeo Zondervan (centre) meets Albion skipper John Wile (left) and defender Ally Robertson.

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IPSWICH INVASION

MORE than 300 Ipswich fans are planning to support the team in America this summer.

They are hoping to fly out to Florida in July to watch the First Division side in action during a four-team tournament.

The James Gang march through...

TWO goals by Robbie James helped First Division Swansea put the part-timers from Colwyn Bay in their place in the Quarter-Finals of the Welsh Cup.

The battling non-League side shook Swansea by holding them to a 2-2 draw in the first meeting, but experience and class told in the end with John

Toshack's side winning the replay 3-0 to move a step nearer retaining the trophy.

Meanwhile FA Cup giant killers Shrewsbury had the tables turned on them in the Welsh Cup by non-League Bangor.

The Second Division side went down 2-1 in the Quarter-Finals of the competition which carries an entry into the European Cup Winners' Cup.

But Fourth Division Hereford overcame the resistance of Greenfield 2-1 to reach the Semi-Finals.

EX-PLAYERS' HIT LIST!

ALAN Curtis has done it... Jimmy Case has done it... and so too has Trevor Francis.

All three are included in the list of players who this season have managed to score against their former clubs. Here's a check:

Player	For	Against	Date
Alan Curtis	Swansea City	Leeds United	Aug. 29
Alan Ainscow	Everton	Birmingham	29
Ronnie Moore	Rotherham	Cardiff	Sep. 12
Jim Lumby	Mansfield	Scunthorpe	14
Keith Edwards	Hull City	Sheffield Utd	19
Terry Gray	Southend	Huddersfield	26
Alan West	Millwall	Burnley	26
Mick Robinson	Brighton	Manchester C.	Oct. 3
Derek Hales	Charlton	Derby County	3
Tommy Tynan	Newport	Lincoln	3
Mike Ferguson	Everton	Coventry	6
Andy Gray	Wolves	Aston Villa	7
Garth Crooks	Spurs	Stoke	10
Andy McCulloch	Sheffield W.	Cardiff	10
Ian Wallace	Forest	Coventry	17
Jimmy Case	Brighton	Liverpool	17
David Swindlehurst	Derby County	Crystal Palace	24
Rodger Wyld	Oldham	Sheffield W.	24
Mick Harford	Bristol City	Lincoln	24
Mike Ferguson	Everton	Coventry	27
John Lowey	Blackburn	Sheffield W.	17
Chris Kamara	Brentford	Swindon	Nov. 3
Peter Withe	Aston Villa	Forest	28
Rodney Fern	Rotherham	Luton	28
Bob Latchford	Swansea	Everton	Dec. 5
Bob Lee	Carlisle	Bristol R.	19
Dave Moss	Luton	Swindon	Jan. 2
Dave Syrett	Peterborough	Mansfield	23
Trevor Francis	Manchester C.	Birmingham	30
Ernie Moss	Port Vale	Mansfield	Feb. 6
Terry Austin	Huddersfield	Walsall	20
Peter Withe	Aston Villa	Birmingham	20
Bernard Purdie	Huddersfield	Chester	21
Garth Crooks	Spurs	Stoke	27
Ray Kennedy	Swansea	Arsenal	27
Clive Allen	Q.P.R.	C. Palace	Mar. 6

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Newman gets the nod...

FORMER Exeter and Grimsby boss John Newman has stepped up from his caretaker role at Derby to manage the cash-troubled Second Division club.

He has been in charge at the Baseball Ground since the sacking of manager Colin Addison at the end of January.

"I did have doubts about taking the job," he says.

"But I have been given the guarantees I wanted and it's now up to the players and the public to get the club out of trouble."

Tommy on target in Len's match

TOMMY Tynan scored the goal which earned Third Division Newport a 1-0 victory over Manchester City in a testimonial match for their former manager Len Ashurst, who was sacked last month.

And in the same week as the game at Somerton Park, the beneficiary took over as manager of Cardiff following the dismissal of Ritchie Morgan and coach Graham Williams.

DOBSON GOES DOWN UNDER TO BEAT THE DOLE...

HEREFORD defender Ian Dobson is not waiting for the long soccer dole queue which threatens many Third and Fourth Division players this summer.

The former Hull central defender is emigrating to Australia to join Croydon City, a Victoria State League team as a part-timer on a two-year contract.

Ian, whose contract with Fourth Division Hereford expires at the end of the season, says:

"The state of football in this country, particularly in the Third and Fourth Divisions, is deteriorating quickly.

"I am not prepared to risk becoming another statistic on the footballers' dole queue."

The 24-year-old has made more than 100 League appearances since joining home town club Hull from school.

He joined Hereford on a free transfer nearly two years ago, but only became a regular this season.

"At least I was glad I was able to show the Hereford supporters I could play a bit," he says.



Ian Dobson — not prepared to risk the dole queue.

Colin goes East

YOUNG Nottingham Forest defender Colin Smith has joined the new soccer trail to Hong Kong by signing for Caroline Hill.

Bill goes to Zambia

FORMER Newcastle and Wolves manager Bill McGarry is to work abroad again.

He is joining the Zambian F.A. as technical adviser on a three-year contract.

Between the Wolves and Newcastle jobs, he spent a year in Saudi Arabia.

'Auld Firm' friendly

CELTIC are used to meeting the 'Auld Enemy' Rangers... but recently they came face to face with another Rangers... this time in Hong Kong.

They took advantage of their absence from the Quarter-Finals of the Scottish Cup to play a friendly in the colony against Rangers.

And it proved a worthwhile trip with the Scottish champions winning 5-0 with goals from Tommy Burns (2), Frank McGarvey, Murdo MacLeod and Tom McAdam.

Repeat win for West Brom

COVENTRY'S FA Cup hopes at West Brom were dashed for the second time this season by Cyrille Regis and Gary Owen.

They scored the goals when Albion won 2-0 at Highfield Road on Boxing Day, and they were the goalscorers again as Albion won by the same score in the FA Cup Sixth Round at The Hawthorns.

Scots on course

THE Scottish FA, in conjunction with British Caledonian Airways, are organising coaching courses for young players later this year.

One-week residential courses are being staged at the National Sports Training Centre at Largs from April 5-9, July 26-30 and August 2-6 and the guest coaches will include Dundee United's Paul Sturrock, Rangers' Tommy McLean and former Scotland goalkeeper Bobby Clark.

Non-residential courses are being held in Aberdeen, Dundee, Stirling, Edinburgh, Hamilton, Glasgow and Ayr from July 5-9.

Interested youngsters, aged between 11 and 16, should contact the Scottish F.A. at 6 Park Gardens, Glasgow.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

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THE police recruited a bobby of a different kind — 'Bulldog Bobby' — to help launch this year's Metropolitan five-a-side Youth Football Competition.

England's World Cup mascot is pictured with (from left to right): PCs Colin Anderson and Peter Blood, WPC Cathy O'Callaghan and Sgt. Michael de Silva. The children pictured are all from West London and all played in last year's

tournament. They are: Colm Lynott, Keith Warman, Alan Gordon, and Joanne Gordon.

It's the third year running the Metropolitan Police have organised the competition for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17.

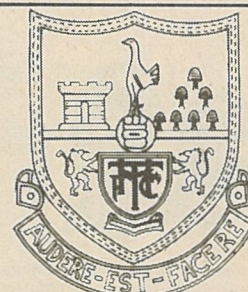
The closing date for entries is April 11 and the final stages will be played at the Wembley Arena.

Morgan moves back

FOURTH Division promotion-chasing Bournemouth have re-signed striker Trevor Morgan from Mansfield just two months after selling him for £10,000.

It has proved quite a shrewd deal by Bournemouth boss Dave Webb.

Mansfield still owed £4,000 on the transfer and that has been wiped out by Morgan's return to the South Coast.



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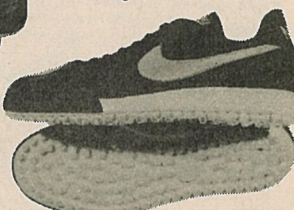


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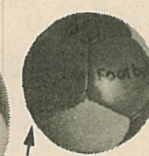
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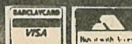


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Debut DISASTER

BIRMINGHAM new boy Byron Stevenson talks of the swop deal which took him from Leeds to St Andrews in exchange for Frank Worthington and relives his 'nightmare' debut for 'The Blues' . . .

Birmingham new boy's nightmare start . . .

WELSH international Byron Stevenson couldn't have made a worse start to his career with relegation-haunted Birmingham City.

His 'Blues' debut against Manchester United was just 18 minutes old when his back pass failed to reach keeper Jeff Wealands and allowed Garry Birtles to nip in and score the only goal of the game.

"It was a nightmare start for me," admitted Byron, who joined the St Andrews club in a straight swop which took former England striker Frank Worthington to Leeds.

"The ball came in from the middle and I pushed it towards Jeff. Unfortunately, I didn't hit it firmly enough and it cost us at least a draw.

"Now I've just got to forget about that awful start and concentrate on helping Birmingham up the First Division," added Byron, who made 100 League appearances in 10 years at Elland Road.

Byron had missed just a handful of games this season for the Yorkshire club before the shock move to the Midlands came along.

"It came as a complete surprise. I turned up at the ground and was told not to bother training because Ron Saunders wanted to speak to me. Within an hour of meeting him, I was a Birmingham player.

"I was surprised to go because I felt I was playing the best football of my career at Leeds," admitted Byron.

"But Allan Clarke wanted to sign Frank Worthington and I think he told the Birmingham manager to take his pick of the Leeds players.

"I had ten happy years at Leeds but I've no regrets about moving. I'm looking forward to the new challenge."

Both Birmingham and Leeds are too close to the relegation zone for comfort, although Byron doesn't believe either will be in the Second Division next season.

"I don't think I've joined a battle against relegation. Although we've got some tough games on the horizon, there are other teams in the First Division who are in a worse position than us.

"Ron Saunders has some good young players who are prepared to work hard and listen. They'll respond to the new manager and I see a bright future ahead for the club.

"As for Leeds, they've had a lot of bad luck in front of goal this season and that's why they've struggled. But I'm sure, under Allan Clarke, they'll weather the storm."

Byron is playing as a sweeper in the Birmingham defence and that's a role he enjoys. "I'll play anywhere the manager asks, but sweeper is my favourite position," he said.

His move to Birmingham also heralded a return to the Welsh squad after nearly two years in the international wilderness. He was included in Mike England's party for the midweek game against Spain in Valencia.

"It's great to be back on the international scene," said Byron, who had picked up 10 caps for his country before the friendly against Spain.

Byron hit the international headlines back in November 1979 when he was sensationally sent off for allegedly fighting in a World Cup qualifier in Turkey.

But worse was to come for the defender because he was banned from playing for Wales in the European Championships for four-and-a-half years.

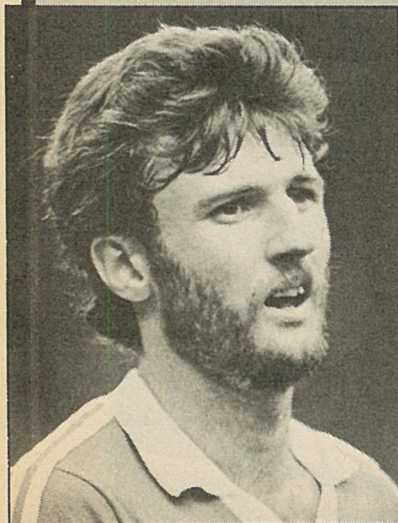
"The ban was a big disappointment for me because I felt I didn't do anything to deserve it.

"But I'm eligible for all other matches so obviously I'm hopeful of picking up a few more caps," added Byron, who made his international debut against Northern Ireland in 1978.



New Birmingham manager Ron Saunders greets Byron Stevenson, signed from Leeds in an exchange deal with Frank Worthington.

Left: Manchester United striker Garry Birtles made the most of Byron's debut day mistake to give his club three points at St Andrews.



THE STEVE

UNITED

MANCHESTER United and England winger Steve Coppel looks at the First Division Championship race and assesses the chances of the main contenders. Don't miss his regular column in Match . . . it's exclusive!

LIVERPOOL, Spurs and Swansea's cup exploits this season could help United lift the First Division Championship.

No matter what people say about the possibilities of doing the double, or even the treble, I believe the side best equipped to win the title is the one that's only got the Championship to aim for.

After early cup exits last season, Aston Villa concentrated on the title and won it. I hope the same is true for us this time.

Spurs are involved in the FA Cup and European Cup-Winners Cup, Swansea in the Welsh Cup and Liverpool have been heavily involved in the League Cup and European Cup.

There's no doubt that if you've got an important cup game on the horizon, it's in the back of you're mind when you go into a 50-50 tackle.

Tottenham have an awful lot on their plate, and this — coupled with the departure of Argentinian international Ossie Ardiles — must

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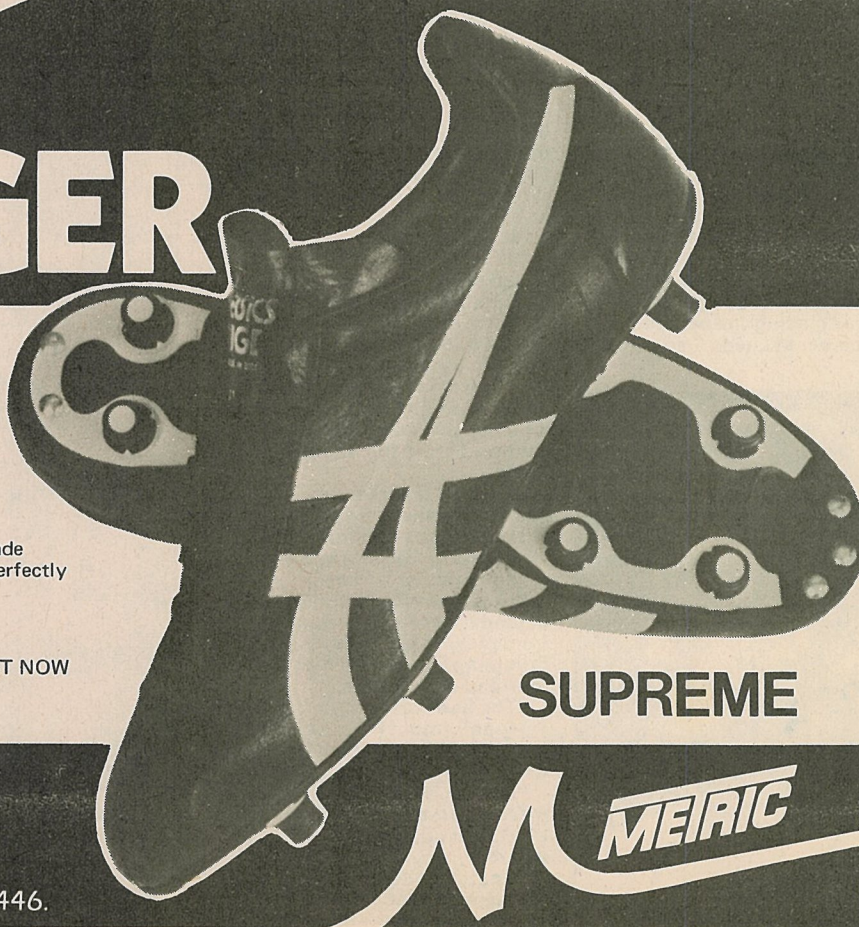
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take its toll.

Although the White Hart Lane club have some fabulous reserves, it's very difficult for any side to lose a player of his quality.

The little man has that extra special something that makes him a world class player.

Swansea are still involved in the Welsh Cup and that's vital to them because it carries entry to Europe next season if they win.

The Welsh club have been the surprise packet of the season and much of the credit must go to their manager John Toshack, who's made some fabulous buys.

Players who weren't a success with other clubs are doing really well at The Vetch Field. Like Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough, he has the ability of getting the best out of his players.

Ipswich are still in the hunt even though they've lost ground following a cruel crop of injuries.

The heart of the Ipswich side has been ripped out through the long-term injuries to centre half Terry Butcher and striker Paul Mariner.

You can't help but feel sorry for Bobby Robson's men because, with a full strength side, he's got perhaps the top quality outfit in the First Division.

Although they are currently up among the leaders, I don't see Southampton as a real threat to the title. Other teams have far too many games in hand over them.

Even their manager Lawrie McMenemy has admitted that their away form has let them down this season. If a team is to become a Championship challenging outfit, they've got to pick up points away from home and 'The Saints' just don't travel well.

Boost

Our own hopes received a boost on League Cup Final day . . . even though we didn't kick a ball!

Swansea were held at home by strugglers Coventry and Southampton failed to beat West Brom at The Dell. Those results put us in a very healthy position and the ball is now firmly in our court.

As my team-mate Martin Buchan said after hearing those results: "We could be in danger of winning the League."

As we didn't have a game because of the Liverpool-Spurs Final at Wembley, United travelled to Eire in midweek for a friendly game against Linfield — a game I'll never forget.

I scored my first hat-trick for United in our 5-1 win and won a fiver off our manager Ron Atkinson.

I'd got two goals by half-time and the manager bet me I wouldn't score another. So when we got a penalty in the last minute, I grabbed the ball off a bewildered Frank Stapleton, who usually takes the kicks, and blasted it into the net.

The day after the League Cup Final, I'd planned to travel down to London for the Professional Footballers Association awards. Unfortunately, the furthest I got was a garage in Congleton!

My car broke down on the M6



United striker Frank Stapleton — it was difficult to believe he wasn't in the PFA's First Division team.



Liverpool's Ian Rush — my choice as PFA Young Player of the Year.

and I missed the occasion. But I was happy to see my England skipper Kevin Keegan lift the top award.

I voted for the Southampton man myself. He's a big favourite of mine and thoroughly deserved the honour. Everyone had been writing him off after last season but he showed tremendous character in bouncing back.

Kevin's striking partner Steve Moran got the young player award, although I must admit my vote went to Liverpool's Ian Rush.

I just gave the Welsh international the edge because he's done so well since taking over the awesome responsibility of leading the Liverpool attack. I believe he's done better than even he expected.

It was good to see our midfielder Bryan Robson included in the PFA's First Division side, although I found it difficult to believe that Eire international Frank Stapleton wasn't there.

Frank's a world class striker, and I've long been an admirer of his talents. I believe one of the reasons Bryan was included was because of his England performances.

He's done so well for them and has been such a lynchpin in the national team.

On Saturday, we continue our push for the Championship when we travel to Roker Park for the meeting with Sunderland.

The nearer you get to the end of the season, the harder matches against struggling teams like Sunderland become.

They'll be like cornered animals and will come out fighting. We won't have an easy time against them.

Steve Coppel

● Steve Coppel was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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DAVID GEDDIS

ASTON VILLA



FULL NAME: David Gavin Geddis.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Carlisle, March 12, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11ins/12st. 4lb.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: BMW.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Ipswich, Luton.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Saint'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Torn thigh muscle, 1979.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Frans Thijssen for his all-round talent.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Ipswich.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johann Cruyff for his tremendous skill and natural instincts.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Reaney, Madeley, Beattie, Cooper, Bremner, R Charlton, Best, Law, Greaves, Gray.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton, Vogts, Beattie, Beckenbauer, Cooper, Giles, Best, Cruyff, Charlton, Maradona, Law.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUNDS: Portman Road and Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Nou Camp, Barcelona.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Man. Utd. at Old Trafford this season — a 25-yarder after playing a one-two from the halfway line.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Steve McKenzie's volley for Man. City, in the 1981 FA Cup Final replay against Spurs.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Let's just say he's a Gunner.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: For Ipswich v Arsenal in the 1978 FA Cup Final.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Holding the Cup after the above game.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Leaving Ipswich.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Squash, tennis, athletics.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Food, live concerts, watching the sun come out.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Over-confident people, preachers who can't practise.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Best Sellers series.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm.
FAVOURITE READING: Ideal Home and Cosmopolitan magazines.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: George Benson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pheasant, steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Guinness.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: USA.
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Jack Nicholson, Charles Bronson, Barbra Streisand.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Shining.
BEST FRIEND: Chrys.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Cyril Lea, Charlie Woods and Bob Ferguson at Ipswich.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: The harshness of a big-money sport.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Boiled chicken or steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth and 'B' Caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be totally independent of football.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the FA Cup again.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To enter into business in a sunny climate.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Ray Walker (Aston Villa).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: God, to ask him why...
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Don't lose the enjoyment of playing.

RAY EVANS

**STOKE
CITY**



Game for a **LAUGH!**



'PUT the fun back in football' cry the fans . . . so we have. Take a look at these. Two strolling policemen come to rest, appropriately enough, at the 'Kop Shop' . . . even Santa turns up at Barnsley . . . Simon Stainrod falls foul of the law at Loftus Road . . . and Nottingham Forest fans find fun in a different sort of 'ball game'.

Who says football is dull!



Stratton on Saturday

£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches, and you can see my opponent's predictions alongside them.

There's a space for your forecasts and a column for the actual result, so just for fun, you can try and beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent this week — 'Match' reader Wayne Church of Flixton, Manchester. Wayne (16) is a Manchester City supporter and his favourite player is Kevin Reeves. You can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel (below).

CLASH OF THE LIKELY LADS

WEST Bromwich Albion take on Spurs at The Hawthorns on Saturday in what could be a dummy run for the FA Cup Final in May.

Both clubs face lower grade opposition in the Cup Semi-Finals on April 3 and, despite the Second Division having five representatives in the last eight, it now looks odds-on to be an all-First Division Wembley.

So Saturday's League encounter takes on extra meaning — especially as it was Spurs who beat West Brom in the Semi-Finals of this season's League Cup!

But it's points not prizes that are at stake this time around . . . and they are crucial to both sides as they bid for victory in their 'games in hand' race to catch the League's leaders.

Back in November, when the two sides met in the League at

White Hart Lane, West Brom recorded their first away win of the season thanks to a goal from Dutch international Martin Jol and an own goal from Spurs full-back Chris Hughton.

But I fancy Spurs can turn the tables this time around . . . and if the two teams do meet in the FA Cup Final, I reckon it will be Tottenham's day again!

Meanwhile, on Saturday it's derby day on Merseyside as Liverpool take on Everton at Goodison Park.

Liverpool, with their hands safely on the League Cup once more and so guaranteed a place in Europe again next season, still have a chance of winning the League.

Everton, meanwhile are out of the running, but that will do nothing to dampen their desire for victory against the 'old rivals'.

Liverpool won the earlier League meeting at Anfield 3-1 with Dalglish(2) and Ian Rush doing the damage.

I fancy they will prove too much to handle for the Everton back four again on Saturday.

The big match in London on Saturday is the visit of League Champions Aston Villa to Arsenal.

Arsenal won this season's encounter at Villa Park and, despite their obvious goalscoring problems, I'm taking them to land the 'double' on Saturday.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can!

● Bad luck to Tony Rogers — my special guest opponent in the March 6 issue of Match. We drew, five points each.

Fixtures

Friday, March 26
DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Hull
Stockport v Darlington.....
York v Scunthorpe.....

Saturday, March 27
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Aston Villa
Birmingham v Brighton.....
Coventry v Wolves.....
Everton v Liverpool.....
Man. Utd v Sunderland.....
Middlesbro' v Man. City.....
Notts Co v Leeds.....
So'ton v Stoke.....
Swansea v Ipswich.....
West Brom v Spurs.....
West Ham v Nott'm F.....

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v C. Palace.....
Derby v Luton.....
Grimsby v Wrexham.....
Leicester v Charlton.....
Newcastle v Chelsea.....
Norwich v Cardiff.....
Oldham v Barnsley.....
Rotherham v QPR.....
Sheff. Wed v Orient.....
Shrewsbury v Cambrdg.....
Watford v Bolton.....

DIVISION THREE

Bristol C v Brentford.....
Chester v Preston.....
Fulham v Carlisle.....
Gillingham v Bristol R.....
Hudd's'ld v Doncaster.....
Lincoln v Southend.....
Millwall v Swindon.....
Newport v Walsall.....
Oxford v Chesterfield.....
Portsmouth v Plymouth.....
Reading v Exeter.....
Wimbledon v Burnley.....

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Peterboro'.....
Bury v Aldershot.....
Crewe v Northampton.....
Hartlepool v Bradford.....
Hereford v Wigan.....
Mansfield v Halifax.....
P Vale v Bournemouth.....
Torquay v Rochdale.....
Tranmere v Sheff. Utd.....

SCOTTISH
PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic v Aberdeen.....
Dundee U v Morton.....
Hibernian v Rangers.....
Partick v Dundee.....
St Mirren v Airdrie.....

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v East Stirling.....
Clydebank v Hearts.....
Falkirk v St Johnstone.....
Motherwell v Kilmarnock.....
Queen of Sth v Hamilton.....
Queens Pk v Dumbarton.....
Raith v Dunfermline.....

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa v Clyde.....
Arbroath v Meadowbank.....
Berwick v East Fife.....
Brechin v Sten'h'semuir.....
Cowdnbth v Montrose.....
Stirling v Forfar.....
Stranraer v Albion.....

MATCH Saturday, March 27

MY FORECAST GUESTS FORECAST YOUR FORECAST RESULT

Arsenal v Aston Villa
Everton v Liverpool
West Brom v Spurs
Blackburn v C. Palace
Grimsby v Wrexham
Fulham v Carlisle
Oxford v Chesterfield
Bury v Aldershot
Tranmere v Sheff. Utd
Celtic v Aberdeen

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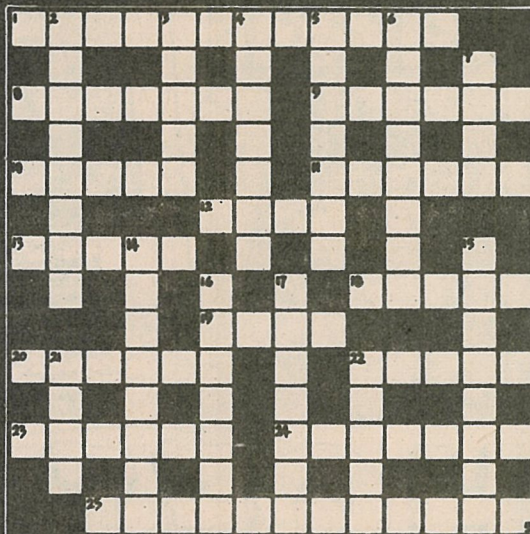
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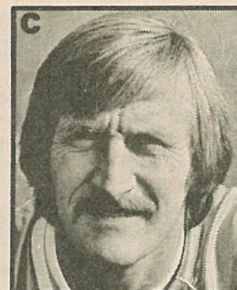
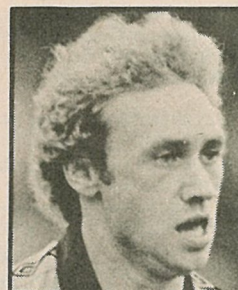
1. 'Who's Ron Beard?' (anagram) a disguised Peter — of Chelsea (7-5)
8. 'Only act' (anagram) — to find a Derby forward (7)
9. He sounds like a nobleman at the Palace! (6)
10. What a match is played on (5)
11. Midfielder who has played around 300 League games, half for Port Vale and the rest for Leicester and Chesterfield (6)
12. He managed Orient for a while this season... then he lived up to his name! (4)
13. Irish international who played for Everton and York before joining Aldershot (5)
18. Clubs often send them to watch forthcoming opponents (5)
19. Who we need includes this striker who had a long career with several clubs (although half of his appearances and goals were for Carlisle) (4)
20. He managed Preston North End before Docherty did (6)
22. Eddie — went from Tranmere to York in the close season (5)
23. 'Tot ran' (anagram) to find Kevin (6)
24. Steve —, Preston striker (7)
25. Weathery Wales forward who joined Hereford from Portsmouth last season (5, 7)

DOWN

2. Mark has been on the mark for Rochdale in the last few seasons (8)
3. Kaiser and Van Mierlo are two of the more recent — players to have come into English soccer (5)
4. Lawrie —, Reading forward (7)
5. Defender who joined Tottenham Hotspur from Weymouth last season and soon became a first team regular (7)
6. The actual trophy of this name was won outright by Brazil (5, 3)
7. Plymouth Argyle play at — Park (4)
14. He holds the record for the most League games (770) for one club (8)
15. A pressman at the match (8)
16. Something a supporter may wear to show his allegiance (7)
17. Paul Mariner and Frank Stapleton, for example, are two very good ones (7)
21. The artificial variety has been (and will for a long time continue to be) the subject of much discussion and argument (4)
22. Cut the tail off a bird of prey to find a Spurs striker (5)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

HERE are four familiar faces from the First Division who have recently been transferred.
Can you name them, their previous club and where they are playing now?



NICKNAMES

WHAT are the nicknames of the following clubs?

- 1 Sheffield United
- 2 Rotherham United
- 3 Port Vale
- 4 Oldham
- 5 Mansfield

ALIAS SMITH AND JONES

MATCH the following players with their correct clubs.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Mark Smith | a) Chester |
| 2 Joey Jones | b) Peterborough |
| 3 Paul Jones | c) Sheff. Wed. |
| 4 Lindsay Smith | d) Wrexham |
| 5 Linden Jones | e) Bolton |
| 6 Bryn Jones | f) Cardiff |
| 7 Tony Smith | g) Cambridge |

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FA CUP QUIZ

THE FA Cup is reaching its climax, but what do you remember about the competition so far this season? Here's a test of your knowledge.

- 1 Who knocked Southampton out in the Third Round?
- 2 Name Leicester's two substitute goalkeepers against Shrewsbury in the Sixth Round?
- 3 Which team ended Liverpool's hopes in the Fifth Round?
- 4 Which Third Division club went the furthest in this season's competition?
- 5 Q.P.R.'s Clive Allen scored four goals in the Fourth Round. Who were the opponents?
- 6 Who scored Tottenham's winner against Aston Villa in the Fifth Round?
- 7 Huddersfield's Peter Fletcher scored a hat-trick in the Third Round. Who were the opponents?
- 8 Who put last season's beaten finalists out in the Fourth Round?
- 9 Which West Brom player scored in both the Fifth and Sixth Rounds?
- 10 Whom did Shrewsbury defeat in the Fifth Round?

RIDDLE TIME

THIS Glasgow-born defender made over 400 appearances for a Northern team in England before going to the States. He recently came back to this country to play for a Second Division side before returning to play for Portland Timbers. He has won 35 Scottish caps — the last in 1979. Who is he?

Don't miss next week's 'Match' for the answer . . . and a new riddle.

● The mystery man described in last week's 'Riddle Time' was Coventry City's Gerry Daly.

SOLUTIONS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? a) Byron Stevenson, from Leeds to Birmingham; b) Alan Birch, from Wolves to Barnsley; c) Tommy Hutchison, from Man. City to Hong Kong; d) Martin O'Neill, from Man. City to Norwich

FA CUP QUIZ: 1 Leicester; 2 Alan Young and Steve Lyness; 3 Chelsea; 4 Oxford; 5 Blackpool; 6 Mark Falco; 7 Carlisle; 8 Coventry; 9 Cyrille Regis; 10 Ipswich

NICKNAMES: 1 Blades; 2 The Merry Millers; 3 Valiants; 4 The Latics; 5 The Stags

SOCCKERWORD: Across: 1 Rhoades-Brown; 8 Clayton; 9 Barron; 10 pitch; 11 Ridley; 12 Went; 13 Scott; 18 spies; 19 Owen (hidden); 20 Stiles; 22 Flood; 23 Arnott; 24 Elliott; 25 Derek Showers

Down: 2 Hilditch; 3 Dutch; 4 Sanchez; 5 Roberts; 6 World Cup; 7 Home; 14 Trolllope (Swindon); 15 reporter; 16 rosette; 17 headers; 21 turf; 22 Falco(n)

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of Perton,
near
Wolverhampton.
He says:
"Bryan is a
great
tackler and
has
tremendous
all round
skill."

STAR
GALLERY

ENGLAND'S new recruit
Cyrille Regis has been
drawn by Hardip Deol, of
Smethwick, Warley,
West Midlands. Hardip
says of the West Brom
striker: "He should be
England's regular centre
forward in Spain."

ONE of the best
midfield players
in the country is
how Darren
Reed (14) of
Hamstreet, near
Ashford, Kent,
describes Aston
Villa's Gordon
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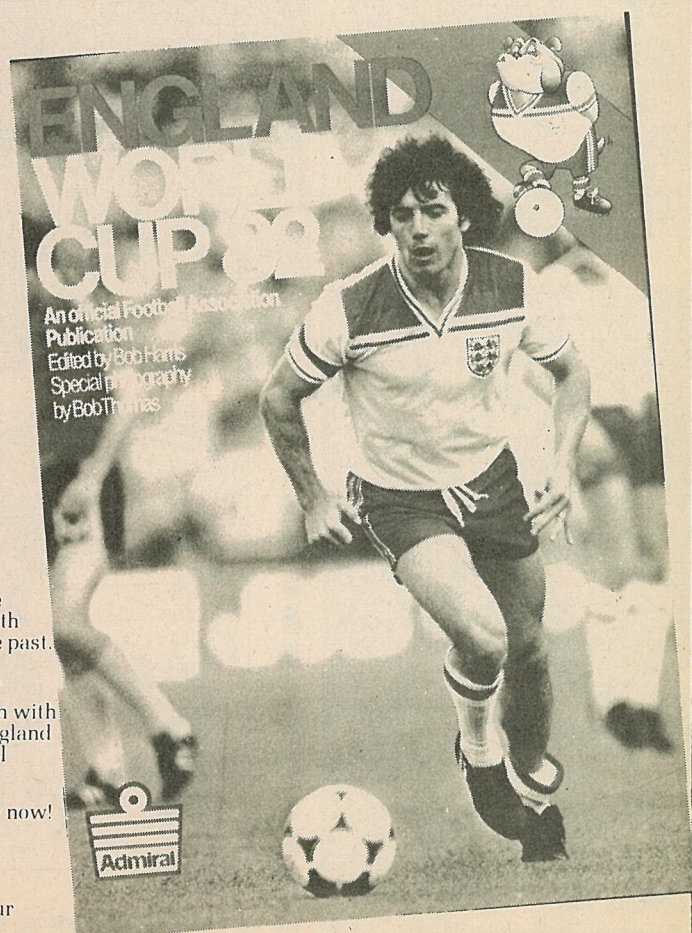
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THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

Spurs and England midfielder star Glenn Hoddle previews his team's FA Cup Semi-Final against Second Division Leicester and tells of his determination to make up for the League Cup Final defeat by Liverpool.

WATCH out Leicester! Our League Cup Final defeat by Liverpool has made us even more determined to hang on to the FA Cup.

We were so disappointed after losing at Wembley — especially as we'd led for most of the game.

But as we sat in the dressing room, we slowly came round and realised how lucky we are. At least we've got a chance of going back to Wembley. Not many teams get a second bite of the cherry.

After beating Manchester City in last year's final, we pledged to retain the trophy. The League Cup defeat has given us an extra incentive.

I must admit that I was quite pleased when I heard we'd drawn Jock Wallace's men. At this stage, our main concern was avoiding West Brom.

The tie we really wanted was against Queen's Park Rangers. Another London club would have suited us just fine.

I watched Leicester's exciting 5-2 win over Shrewsbury in the last round on television and they showed what gutsy, determined fighters they are.

The Filbert Street side are very good on the one-off occasions and we know that they won't give us an inch at Villa Park next Saturday.

Their left-sided midfielder star Ian Wilson is a player that's always impressed me. He typifies the battling spirit that runs through the team.

Skipper Mark Wallington was injured in the Cup clash against Shrewsbury but he should be fit to face us. He's done a great job in his years at the club.

Although Scottish striker Jim Melrose has had to be satisfied with a place on the substitute's bench for much of this season, I still rate him as a very dangerous player.

Look out Leicester!

Although Leicester were relegated to the Second Division last season, they managed to do the double over us in the League.

But we must have the advantage over them this time in terms of experience. Our players know exactly what it's like to play in the last four.

The Semi-Finals are often more nerve-racking than the Final itself so our experience should help us.

I was talking to Aston Villa full-back Kenny Swain at the recent Professional Footballers' Association awards dinner and he told me that the Villa Park pitch was very heavy at the moment.

It's got a lot of sand on it and that could cause us a bit of a problem because we like a good surface to play on.

Having said that, I like playing at Villa Park. It's a great ground and has got a fantastic atmosphere.

When we do take to the field against Leicester, you could see a slightly different Tottenham side following the lessons we learnt against Liverpool.

With just three minutes to go and being 1-0 up, we were still trying to play football. We should really have taken the ball to the corner flag or kicked it into the stands.

I know that sort of approach doesn't look pretty, but at that stage of the game we should have done it.

Liverpool also closed us down and didn't give us the space to play. We should have made more space for ourselves.

The other Semi-Final is an intriguing tie but I expect West Brom to beat QPR after a replay.

The match isn't as easy for The Hawthorns side as many people imagine. QPR are a talented team and they've got the advantage of playing in London.

If Tony Currie performs well, QPR play well. So Albion will have to keep a very close eye on the former England midfielder star.

Their strikers Simon Stainrod and Clive Allen are both players who can score goals and turn a match on their own.

But Albion have a potential match-winner of their own in England star Cyrille Regis. He's really on song at the moment.

Ironically, we play West Brom at The Hawthorns on Saturday in a game that has been billed as a dress rehearsal of the FA Cup Final — I certainly hope it is.

Thoughts of meeting Albion at Wembley will be a million miles away. The match is vital to our League Championship hopes.

At the moment, every game we play is like a cup final because we're involved in so many different competitions.

But the most important thing on Saturday is three points!

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Kevin Keegan — bidding to become the first player in four years to hit 30 Division One goals.

The GREAT

NOT since Bob Latchford did it for Everton in season 1977-78 has any player hit 30 League goals in a season.

And only nine different players have achieved the feat in the last decade.

But there's every

BURY goal ace Craig Madden is all set for a super £5,000 jackpot.

That's the prize waiting for the Football League's top scorer if he can score 35 League goals this season.

The young Fourth Division striker, who doesn't even take penalties, was on 27 on March 13

and has every chance of striking it rich at the end of the season.

Swansea's Bob Latchford was the last player to score thirty League goals in his First Division days with Everton four years ago, and it's six years since Wrexham's Dixie McNeil blasted 35 for Hereford.

But Craig, with two hat-tricks to his credit this season, is on course to land the new Pepsi Golden Goals award.

And if he finishes as the Fourth Division's leading scorer, he gets another £1,000 on top.

He modestly puts his goal-grabbing exploits down to the team's success, especially at home.

"I've got my eyes on the 35-goal mark and, having recently gone seven matches without a goal, I'm hoping I'm through my lean spell," says Craig, who scored only ten goals in thirty games last season.

"It's all been a matter of confidence this season and the team has also played very well, particularly at home where I've scored most of my goals.

"My fellow strikers, Steve Johnson and Mick Butler, have also played their part in creating the chances for me.

"Obviously, I never thought at the start of the season that I would score this number of goals, but now I'm over the twenty mark, I'm eager to land that big prize.

"And I'm pretty optimistic that I can make the 35 goal mark."

He's leading the way from two other Fourth Division strikers — Peterborough's Robbie Cooke and Hull City's Les Mutrie who were both on the 22-mark after the games on March 13.

Mutrie's goal bonanza for cash-stricken Hull is almost half their Fourth Division total for the season.

He was plucked from non-League Blyth Spartans 15 months ago after he'd failed to make the grade with Carlisle.

"I finished with five goals from



Swansea's Bob Latchford — the last man to hit 30 goals in the First Division. That was in 1977-78.

GOALS RACE

chance that at least one new name will be added to that elite list this season.

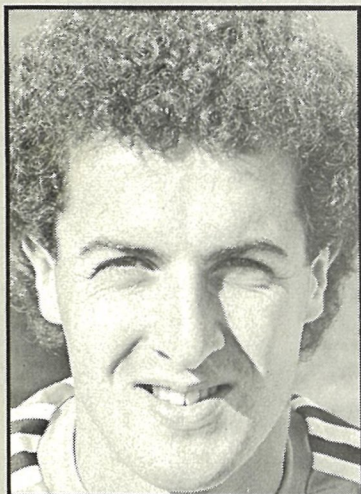
Here, 'Match Weekly' takes an in-depth look at the chances of the footballing hot-shots for whom the 30 goal dream has become a reality.

Madden eyes a £5000 jackpot

TOP SCORERS

	Lge	Games	
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Craig Madden (Bury)	27	14	0
Robbie Cooke (Peterboro')	22	15	2
Les Mutrie (Hull)	22	16	4
Kevin Keegan (Southampton)	20	11	7
Keith Edwards (Sheff. U)	18	16	0
Ian Allinson (Colchester)	17	15	6
Gordon Davies (Fulham)	17	16	0
Keith Houchen (Hartlepool)	17	14	5
Bobby Campbell (Bradford)	16	15	1
Gary Bannister (Sheff. W.)	16	11	2
Steve White (Luton)	15	15	0
Tony Kellow (Exeter)	15	14	5
Keith Walwyn (York)	15	16	0
Kevin Bremner (Colchester)	15	15	0
Imre Varadi (Newcastle)	14	13	0
Ronnie Moore (Rotherham)	14	12	2
Les Bradd (Wigan)	14	14	0

(up to and including games played on March 13)



Steve White — his goals have spurred Luton's Second Division Championship bid.

20 games last season and was happy with that, considering I'd been out of full-time football. This term, I'm stronger and fitter and that's made all the difference."

Les also believes the departure of Keith Edwards to Sheffield United has helped him in front of goal.

He explains: "Keith's a good player, but we were too alike in styles. I wasn't able to play my natural game."

Before the season started, the 29-year-old striker had set himself a target of just 15 League goals, but now he's well on the way to passing the magical 30 mark.

"I'm not thinking about beating that total. If I set myself a target like that, it would put pressure on me. Every goal I score is an extra bonus."

With twenty goals after 31 First Division matches, England and Southampton skipper Kevin Keegan is by far the leading

candidate for thirty goals in the top flight.

But Kevin, who has hit seven penalties in his total, is one down on Bob Latchford after the same number of matches, and so faces a difficult task in trying to emulate the Swansea striker.

As Kevin explains: "I've never really talked much about goal targets this season and maybe that is why 30 goals is on for me. There has been little pressure on me."

"In fact, when I look at the scoring charts I can't believe I've got all those goals. I'm well ahead of the nearest contenders in the First Division and it's great to be in that position at my age!"

"I have never been what you might call 'goal mad', but in a sense I am a different player this season."

"I have played as an out-and-out striker for the first time and it questions the fact whether I should have played in that role all my career, though I played in midfield for Hamburg and still scored goals."

Kevin's achievements in a striking role were acknowledged by the players themselves last

week when they named him Professional Footballers Association 'Player of the Year'.

"There has been more pressure on me to score since young Steve Moran was injured," he continued. "There is no doubt that in his absence I have a greater responsibility to score goals and I find myself in more scoring situations."

"It was probably harder for Bob to hit the 30 target than me. The three points for a win ruling has definitely changed peoples' attitudes and maybe made it a little easier for strikers."

"Even so, I don't think many players will score 30 League goals a season. A goal every two games is a tremendous achievement."

"Nowadays, I don't think people will ever get 30 goals in the First Division unless they take penalties. I think it's impossible."

"It's another story in the lower divisions where they play four more games and, on average, the scores are higher."

"Even so, Craig Madden's tally this season is a tremendous achievement, particularly when you consider he doesn't take the penalties."



Bury's Craig Madden — on course for a £5,000 bonanza!

30-goal barrier breakers

ONLY nine different players have managed to score thirty or more goals in a season in the last ten years with Wrexham's Dixie McNeil achieving the distinction in successive years with Hereford.

The thirty goal marksmen since 1971-72 are:
1971-72 — Francis Lee (Man. City) 33,
Ted MacDougall (Bournemouth) 35,
Alf Wood (Shrewsbury) 35.
1973-74 — Brian Yeo (Gillingham) 31
1974-75 — Dixie McNeil (Hereford) 31
1975-76 — Dixie McNeil (Hereford) 35,
Alan Buckley (Walsall) 34, Ronnie Moore (Tranmere) 34.
1976-77 — Peter Ward (Brighton) 32.
1977-78 — Bob Latchford (Everton) 30.





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Melvyn Beck

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This week — Algeria and Argentina!

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP TWO:

June 16 — West Germany (Gijón);
June 21 — Austria (Oviedo);
June 24 — Chile (Oviedo).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

None

COLOURS

Shirts: Green; Shorts: White;
Socks: Red.

ALGERIA

Ignore them at your peril!

ALGERIA will be out to illustrate in Spain the immense progress made by the African countries in world football.

The infiltration of European coaches and the export of players to France and Belgium have transformed football in this Continent.

They may still be classed as minnows in world football terms, but no longer can they be ignored when such a high prize is at stake.

Tunisia proved that just four years ago in Argentina when they held the powerful West Germans to a goalless draw and toppled Mexico 3-1.

The Germans had already qualified for the second round before the Tunisian match, but the result left a certain amount of embarrassment in the Europeans' camp.

Ironically, West Germany are in Algeria's group along with Austria and Chile, and they surely would have learned their lesson of 1978.

The Algerians lost only one of their eight matches in qualifying for the first time in their history and, in 24-year-old midfield player Lakhdar Belloumi, they have the most gifted talent in the whole of Africa.

He was voted the African Player of the Year in 1981 and he is sure to emerge as one little pearl from this literally undiscovered football corner of the world.

The Algerians are looking to a

HOW THEY GOT THERE

AFRICA SECTION

FIRST ROUND: Sierra Leone 2, Algeria 2 (Noah 2) — Freetown, May 31, 1980. Algeria 3 (Fergani 2, Madjer), Sierra Leone 1 — Oran, June 13, 1980. Agg: 5-3.

SECOND ROUND: Algeria 2 (Ben Sagula, Fergani), Sudan 0 — Constantine, December 12, 1980. Sudan 1, Algeria 1 (Gamouh) Khartoum, December 28, 1980. Agg: 3-1.

THIRD ROUND: Algeria 4 (Belloumi 2, Madjer, Kourichi), Niger 0 — Constantine, May 5, 1981. Niger 1, Algeria 0 — Niamey, May 31, 1981. Agg: 4-1.

FINAL ROUND: Nigeria 0, Algeria 2 (Belloumi, Zidane) — Lagos, October 10, 1981. Algeria 2 (Belloumi, Madjer), Nigeria 1 — Constantine, October 30, 1981. Agg: 4-1.

LEADING SCORERS: Belloumi 4, Madjer 3, Fergani 3, Noah 2.

52-year-old Russian to guide them in their bid to make an impression on the world's greatest soccer stage.

He's Yevgeni Rogov, who only took over in July last year when the Algerians were within two matches of a place in Spain.

Before his appointment, they had relied on advice from French and Yugoslav coaches with the backing of their more experienced



Algeria's danger man Lakhdar Belloumi — four goals en route to Spain.

players based on the Continent.

Rogov has based his formation on a strong defensive base and to counter-attack quickly through a packed midfield.

And with quicksilver strikers like Belgian-based Djamel Zidane and young winger Said Hamini, they have the armoury to unsettle any side that may throw caution to the wind in search of boosting their goal difference.

Three of the midfield players in the squad — Fethi Chebel, Rabah Gamouh and Mustapha Dhaleb — have experience of playing in France.

And so has tall central defender Norredine Kourichi who plays for French First Division club Bordeaux.

The two talented fullbacks, Salah Larbes and Fauzi Mansouri and goalkeeper Mehdi Cerbah make up a strong base from which the Algerians hope to spring a few surprises.

It would be a major shock if they could unsettle the Germans and Austrians, but they could be capable of ousting the Chileans from third place in the group.

And if they achieve that, then they would return to their native land more than satisfied and certainly more wise and experienced from their escapades with major soccer powers.

MATCH VERDICT ★

IT'S a safe bet that Algeria will be returning home after the first round matches.

The Africans are in Spain to be educated, but in no way should the teachers ignore their presence.

With several Continental-based players in their squad and a Russian coach, the West Germans, Austrians, and Chileans will underestimate them at their peril.

● FIRST ROUND EXIT

LEFT: The Algerian team which defeated Nigeria 2-1 in the African play-offs:

Back row (left to right) — Mahmoud Guendouz, Mehdi Cerbah, Salah Larbes, Fauzi Mansouri, Mohamed Kaci Said, Norredine Korichi. Front row — Rabah Gamouh, Rabah Madjer, Lakhdar Belloumi, Djamel Zidane, Bouzid Mahiouz.



Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION
Mehdi CERBAH	28	RSK	Goalkeeper
Yacin BENTALAA	25	MAHD	Goalkeeper
Moufadh AMARA	22	JET	Goalkeeper
Mohammed DAHMANI	29	CNB	Defender
Abdel Kadar HORR	28	DNCA	Defender
Fauzi MANSOURI	25	Montpellier	Defender
Salah LARBES	29	JET	Defender
Norredine KOURICHI	25	Bordeaux	Defender
Abdel DJADAI	25	Sochaux	Defender
Mustapha KOUICI	27	CNB	Defender
Mahmoud GUENDOZ	26	MAHD	Defender
Fethi CHEBEL	26	Besancon	Midfield
Ali FERGANI	29	JET	Midfield
Lakhdar BELLOUMI	24	GCRM	Midfield
Rabah MADJER	23	MAHD	Midfield
Rabah GAMOUH	29	Nimes	Midfield
Yali HOCINE	21	CNB	Midfield
Bouzid MAHIOUZ	29	MPA	Midfield
Mustapha DHALEB	29	Paris SG	Midfield
Mohamed KACI-SAID	23	RSK	Midfield
Mohamed REDOUANE	28	ASCO	Striker
Said HAMINI	21	Brest	Striker
Djamel ZIDANE	26	Courtrai	Striker
Ahmed HOCINE	23	MAHD	Striker
Salah ASSAD	23	RSK	Striker

ARGENTINA

Can they keep their crown?

FOR World Champions Argentina, the acid test comes in Spain this summer.

They have to prove to the worldwide audience that, like their South American rivals Brazil, they can retain the crown in other corners of the globe.

They will want to show the cynics that their first-ever World Cup victory in Buenos Aires four years ago was achieved through superior skills and not based on a groundswell of mass hysteria from a population that regards soccer as a religion.

But through the ticker-tape receptions and unrelenting homage emerged world class players like Osvaldo Ardiles,

HOW THEY GOT THERE

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PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1930 (runners-up), 1934, 1958, 1962, 1966 (quarter-finalists), 1974 (reached second round), 1978 (winners).

skipper Daniel Passarella and Mario Kempes, the two-goal hero in the 3-1 Final win over Holland.

And when you add new but already highly acclaimed strikers to the squad like Diego Maradona and Ramon Diaz, then Argentina have the talent to wear the crown with some distinction.

But, as with most teams from that Continent, there are always question marks about their Latin temperament when staring adversity in the face.

Their fiery nature can often destroy in seconds all the intense preparation their chain-smoking boss Luis Cesar Menotti has undertaken in his attempt to remain at the forefront of the country's popularity stakes.

Argentina's wonder-boy Diego Maradona — the player tipped to set the World Cup Finals alight.



Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION
Ubaldo FILLOL	31	River Plate	Goalkeeper
Daniel PASSARELLA	28	River Plate	Defender
Alberto TARANTINI	26	River Plate	Defender
Jorge OLGUIN	29	River Plate	Defender
Luis GALVAN	33	River Plate	Defender
Jose VAN TUYNE	27	Rosario	Defender
Osvaldo ARDILES	28	Tottenham	Midfield
Americo GALLEGO	27	Newell's OB	Midfield
Miguel OVIEDO	31	Talleres	Midfield
Patricio HERNANDEZ	25	Estudiantes	Midfield
Juan BARBAS	22	Racing B.A.	Midfield
Diego MARADONA	21	River Plate	Striker
Daniel BERTONI	27	Florentina	Striker
Mario KEMPES	27	River Plate	Striker
Ramon DIAZ	22	River Plate	Striker
Jose VALENCIA	26	Talleres	Striker
Hector BAILEY	30	Independiente	Goalkeeper
Ricardo VILLA	29	Tottenham	Midfield
Ricardo BOCHINI	27	Independiente	Midfield
Osvaldo ESCUDERO	20	Velez Sarsfield	Midfield
Leopoldo LUQUE	32	River Plate	Striker
Miguel CALDERON	21	Racing	Striker
Luis AMUCHASTEGUI	21	Racing	Striker

ABOVE: The World Cup holders Argentina
Back row (left to right) — Daniel Passarella, Daniel Bertoni, Jorge Olguin, Luis Galvan, Alberto Tarantini, Ubaldo Fillol.
Front row — Americo Gallego, Osvaldo Ardiles, Ramon Diaz, Diego Maradona, Mario Kempes.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP THREE:

June 13 — Belgium (Barcelona);
June 18 — Hungary (Alicante);
June 23 — El Salvador (Alicante).

COLOURS

Shirts: Light blue and white stripes; Shorts: Black; Socks: White.

River Plate from Spanish side Valencia, but he is lined up for a return to Real Madrid next season.

The Argentinians will be relying on experience in the defence with Ubaldo Fillol still the first choice 'keeper at 32, and sweeper Luis Galvan one year older at 33.

MATCH VERDICT ★ ★ ★ ★

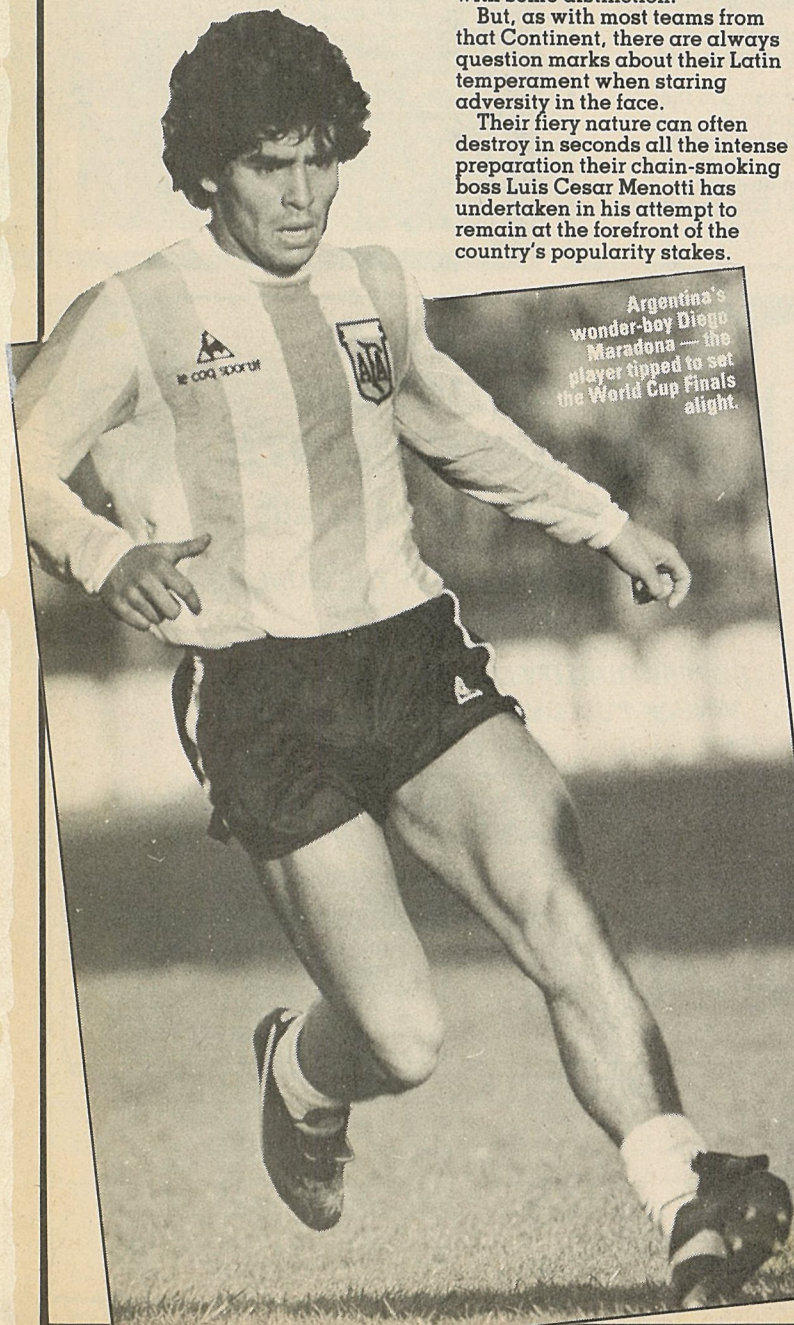
ARGENTINA have the talent and skill to retain the World Cup.

If anything, their squad, with the addition of the brilliant Diego Maradona and Ramon Diaz, looks stronger than in 1978.

But the majority of the players are that little bit older and it's questionable whether they can achieve those heights again without the accompaniment of their volatile following.

Their problems will be more of temperament than talent, but if manager Luis Cesar Menotti can harness the two, then they should be involved in the later stages.

● **SEMI-FINALISTS**



OUTRAGED!

Anfield anger

I AM outraged at the state of Liverpool's pitch.

Liverpool, one of the First Division's most successful teams, have a playing surface that can only compare with a Fourth Division pitch.

It is no surprise to me that Liverpool have an excellent home record. No other team can play on pot-holes, sand-pits and mud-areas! Pamela Wilde, Chorley, Lancs.

● JUDGING by Liverpool's feeble finishing against CSKA Sofia, Anfield's well-worn penalty areas are more of a hindrance than a help. You're sent off!

Ron on the run

I AM outraged at manager Ron Saunders. Last season his Aston Villa side won the Championship, but when Villa struggled this term, Saunders deserted them and moved to Birmingham.

This just shows that Saunders cannot face a battle. Villa's title win was a fluke and Birmingham and Saunders are doomed for relegation.

Dipesh Patel, Harrow, Middlesex.

● YOU couldn't be more wrong.

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Remarks like that could cause another Culloden!

Liz Bradley, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

● A BULLY! I'll show you. You're booked . . . for arguing with the ref!

Taking the Mickey . .

I AM outraged when people take the Mickey out of the Irish with their stupid childish jokes.

Don't people realise that some of the best players in the world are Irish?

Martin Anderson, Middle Herrington, Sunderland.

● BEST in the world? Then how did Northern Ireland lose 4-0 to England? Now you are making me laugh . . . you're booked!

LAURIE OFFERS A REAL ALTERNATIVE

AS England manager Ron Greenwood makes his preparations for this summer's World Cup Finals, more and more players are being offered for consideration.

But one player — a man who could turn out to be England's ace in the pack — seems to have been forgotten. He is Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham.

Laurie is much more skilful than some of the players recently chosen by Greenwood and he's familiar with Spanish conditions and climate.

And Laurie's inclusion in an England team would ensure Spanish supporters cheer for Ron Greenwood's team . . .

John Forster, Denton Burn, Northumberland.

GOLDEN GOOF

INJURY-HIT Ipswich may have slipped in the Championship race in recent weeks . . . but not quite as far as this newspaper report suggests.

Apparently, Ipswich have fallen so far down they League that they are chasing promotion!

Pam Thorne, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, sent in this Golden Goof.

Barnes, the 24 year old England international, is recalled by Leeds United to face promotion-chasing Ipswich Town at Elland Road. He has been out of favour for eight games.

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SWANSEA MIRACLE IS DOWN TO 'TOSH'

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WHAT John Toshack has done at Swansea is a miracle and I'm sure that no-one will argue with the late Bill Shankly's words when he said that Toshack should be made 'manager of the century'.

'Tosh' even got his timing right when he was appointed manager of Swansea on St David's Day, 1978.

Since then, it's been heady stuff at the Vetch Field as City have climbed from the Fourth Division to the First. Many predicted instant relegation for the 'Swans' this season, but John's men have made the critics eat their words. They may not win the Championship, but no-one will ever underestimate the men from Swansea again. Well done 'Tosh'.

Neil Morgan, Morriston, Swansea.

Leicester's likely lads

HOPEFULLY, Leicester City will be in the First Division next season.

They have some great players — Gary Lineker (right), Andy Peake and Steve Lynex — and their tremendous FA Cup run proves that they belong in the top flight.

If Leicester can produce the same form they show in the FA Cup during the rest of their Second Division campaign, they may still earn a promotion place. David Fraser, West Lothian, Scotland.

Milk and honey!

WITH soccer in deep financial trouble, the news of the National Dairy Council's £2 million sponsorship is a terrific lift.

The Dairy Council will be sponsoring the League Cup — next season it will become the Milk Cup — and there must be other deals that the soccer administrators can make with advertisers.

Football needs every penny it can get, and it would help if TV companies stopped this ridiculous ban on the names of advertisers appearing on footballers' shirts.

Bruce Dilks (14), Breadsall, Derby.



STYLISH LUTON

WHAT a delight it is to see two small town clubs — Luton and Watford — racing towards the First Division.

Their success has been built on sound management. They have both refrained from paying ludicrous transfer fees and bumper pay packets to the players.

I feel they will both give a good account of themselves in the top flight and Luton's attractive, fast-flowing style will grace the country's top stadiums.

Mark Williams, Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan.

A bright future at Bristol . . .

HOW I agree with Thomas Lynn who said earlier this month that the loyalty of Trevor Tainton and Geoff Merrick had backfired on them when they became two of the eight players to be discarded by Bristol City.

As a City fan, I have seen all eight players in action many times and their loyalty has never been in question.

But the fact remains that City had to prune their wage bill to survive. If the players hadn't gone, the club would have folded.

Now City can look to the future. The youngsters that have taken over on the field are producing some smashing football — some of the best I have ever seen at Ashton Gate. And the stands are beginning to fill again.

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Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol.

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Statham stunner

I WAS shocked to hear that Derek Statham (left) was not named in the England Squad to play Northern Ireland at Wembley.

The West Brom full-back has been in tremendous form this season. And he has highlighted his recent sizzling performance with some vital goals.

Ron Greenwood seems unsure of his defensive formation at the moment. Statham should be given his chance quickly . . . to prove that he has the right credentials for England's World Cup challenge in Spain.

M Andrews, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

One-club wonders!

HERE's my team of 'one-club wonders'. All the players are still with their first Football League club:

Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Viv Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Ian Bailey (Middlesbrough), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), Dudley Lewis (Swansea), Graham Baker (Southampton), Robbie James (Swansea), Sammy Lee (Liverpool), Steve Moran (Southampton), Alan Brazil (Ipswich), Colin Walsh (Nottingham Forest).

BASEBALL BOO-BOYS



DERBY County fans should stop hurling abuse at outside left Paul Emson (above).

The young winger's game has suffered because of the stick he has taken from the Baseball Ground faithful this season.

All he needs is a couple of goals under his belt and the crowd back on his side and he will produce the skill and flair that marked his appearances last year.

So Derby fans, get off Paul's back!

Tim Russell (14), South Croydon, Surrey.

Shield switch

IT'S about time the biggest non-event in British football — the Charity Shield — was changed.

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THIS is the one I wanted, the trophy that I have always regarded as the highest accolade that any player can receive.

To be named 'Players' Player of the Year' means so much to me that I find it difficult to put into words. It's the greatest thing to have happened to me.

When I stepped up to receive the award at the Professional Footballers' Association dinner last week, I felt I would burst with pride.

And I meant it when I told the 1,000 players gathered at the Hilton Hotel for the occasion that it meant more to me than all the other awards I have received during my career as a player with Scunthorpe, Liverpool, Hamburg and Southampton... including two European Player of the Year awards!

They were given by journalists, but this comes from the people I respect most, my fellow professionals.

The only thing to compare with it is a similar award, which I received in my second season with Hamburg. That too, is decided by the players.

When I look at the sort of people I was up against in winning the PFA award, it makes me feel lucky, particularly when I won it by a clear 80 votes! The other five top nominations were Alan Brazil, Trevor Francis, Glenn Hoddle, Cyrille Regis and Graeme Souness. That's pretty tough company... the toughest!

Look at Trevor Francis, who came third in the voting. He's a goal-maker as well as a goal-taker, with more than 120 goals to date in his League career. And he has defied science by coming back from serious injury to play the way he has.

Then there's Cyrille Regis, who was second in the voting. Cyrille recently won his first cap when he came on against Northern Ireland at Wembley and I hope to play alongside him again for England.

And what about Glenn Hoddle? If I had been born with half his skill, I would be more than pleased! And Graeme Souness, who had held the League Cup aloft at Wembley only the day before the awards dinner, must have staked a strong claim with his inspired captaincy of Liverpool this season.

I have been very lucky in my career because I have played for some good clubs and I have been picked out for various awards. But, happy to say, on this occasion I am not on my own.

My striking partner in Southampton made it a great double for the club when he was named 'Young Player of the Year'. It's the first time that any Saints player has won either award and, although some people in football may have laughed at us in the past, we have proved we are a good side.

I couldn't be more pleased for young Stevie. He is currently out of action with a bad back injury and the players have given him a tremendous boost just when he needed it most.

We've struck up a good partnership in the Saints' front line and I look forward to renewing it.

The voting was very tight for the Young Player of the Year — only five votes

PLAYERS in the First Division have no doubt who is England's top footballer. Kevin Keegan is the man they admire the most.

That much was made perfectly clear at the PFA dinner when the England skipper won the Players' Player of the Year award — chosen by the players themselves — by a clear 80 votes!

Now Kevin, a Match Weekly columnist for the past three seasons, explains just what the award means to him and to Southampton...

Mick's in again

BARNESLEY defender Mick McCarthy collected his fourth successive divisional award when named in the Division Two 'select' side. Divisional teams:

DIVISION ONE: Peter Shilton (Nott'm Forest); Kenny Swain (Aston Villa), David O'Leary (Arsenal), Alan Hansen (Liverpool), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal); Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham), Bryan Robson (Man. Utd), Graeme Souness (Liverpool); Trevor Francis (Man City), Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Cyrille Regis (West Brom).
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separated the top three — and I wasn't a bit surprised to see Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan take second and third places respectively. Liverpool have had a great season so far and it made a terrific weekend for these two young stars after their League Cup Final triumph the previous day.

It's certainly been quite a year for me so far. I'm currently top scorer in the First Division, Southampton are up at the top of the table, Jean is expecting our second baby in the summer, and England will soon be off to Spain. All I need now is a World Cup Winners' medal... and the way things are going for me, who knows?

● Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Bagnall.



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Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw was our 'Man of the Year' last season and the question now to be answered is — who will succeed him?

It might be Match columnist and England captain Kevin Keegan, whose return to goalscoring form with table-topping Southampton

and performances at international level earned him the accolade of Professional Footballers' Association 'Player of the Year'.

Or it might be his young striking partner at the Dell — Steve Moran, so sadly out of action at present, but boosted in the knowledge that he was voted PFA 'Young Player of the Year' by his fellow professionals.

Of course there are numerous other candidates in the First Division...

There is Graeme Souness, who captained Liverpool to League Cup triumph over Spurs or any of his team-mates like two-goal Wembley hero Ronnie Whelan, Ian Rush and Alan Hansen.

You may favour one of Coventry's young stars like Danny Thomas or it could be Arsenal's Chris Whyte.

Then, of course, there are stars like Glenn Hoddle, Cyrille Regis and Alan Brazil.

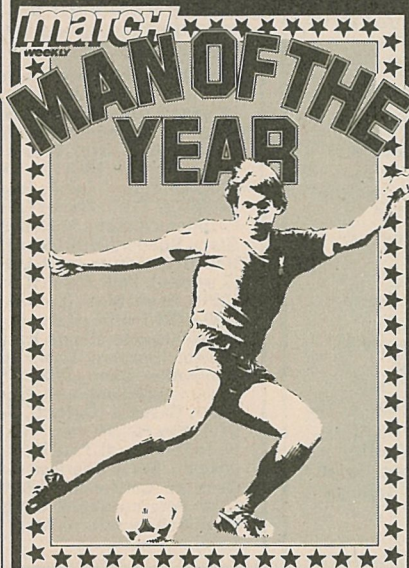
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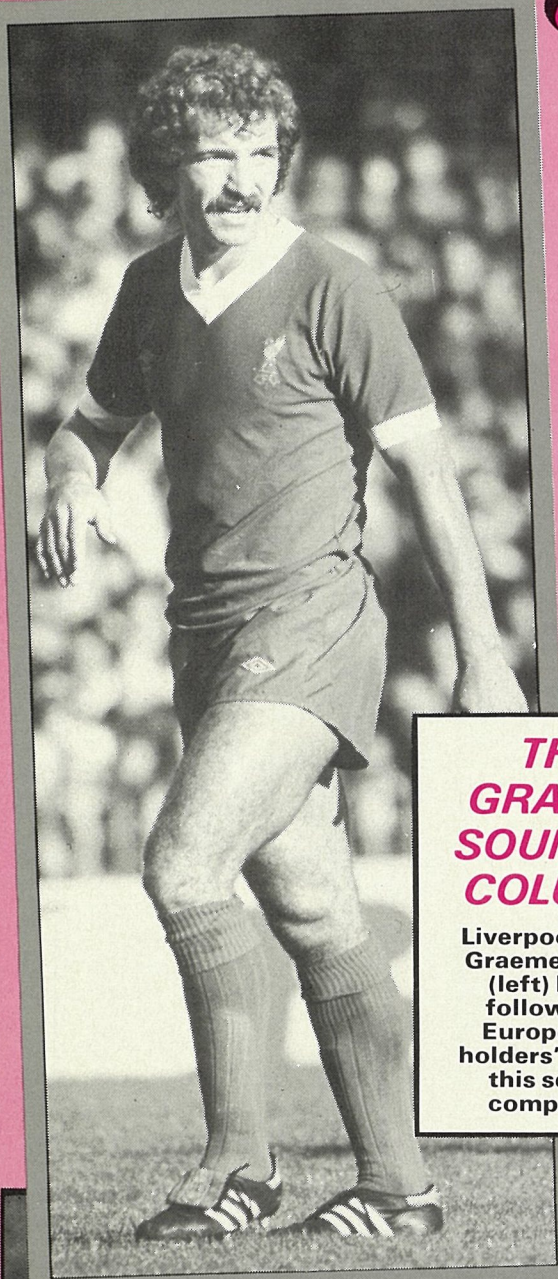
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THE GRAEME SOUNESS COLUMN

Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness (left) hits out following the European Cup holders' exit from this season's competition.

AUSTRIAN referee Franz Wohrer, who took charge of our European Cup match in Sofia, is the worst I've ever played under.

And I'm not just saying that because the Bulgarian champions ended our proud European record when they beat us 2-0 in the second leg of our Quarter-Final tie.

If we'd have won 5-0 I'd have said the same sort of thing. He was so inconsistent it just wasn't true. Our lads were having lumps kicked out of them and he did nothing. Every free kick seemed to go the Bulgarians' way.

Eire international Mark Lawrenson was sent off in extra-time and yet his offence seemed timid compared to some of the things their players were getting away with.

Early in the game, the referee waved play on when we all thought Ian Rush had scored. His header from a great Sammy Lee cross hit the inside of the post. We were sure it crossed the line.

It would be easy to say that decision cost us the game, but the truth is we had so many other chances to put the tie beyond doubt.

The Bulgarians had about three shots on goal and scored from two of them. They were both silly defensive errors.

Even though we played well — on par with our League Cup Final

performance at Wembley a few days earlier — it just wasn't to be our night.

Having said that, we can look back at the first leg at Anfield and say that's where we really lost it. A solitary Ronnie Whelan goal just wasn't enough.

It may sound unbelievable but CSKA didn't play as well as they did last season when we beat them 6-1 on aggregate.

One thing is for certain. CSKA won't win the European Cup. They used up all their luck against us.

We are desperately disappointed to be out of the competition. The European Cup means everything to us and we are immensely proud of our record in the competition.

As defender Phil Neal remarked in the dressing room after the game: "It takes two years to win the European Cup".

Now I'm rooting for Aston Villa to go on and win the trophy and make it six times in a row for English clubs.

One good thing to come out of our visit to Sofia is the experience that our younger lads will have gained.

The atmosphere over there was really hostile. The 75,000 fans weren't booing us, as you get in England, they were jeering. But it's good that our younger players get used to that sort of treatment in readiness for next season.

It's very frustrating when players hack the ball into the crowd and the ball-boys make no attempt to retrieve it, but that's what happened when CSKA were leading. A couple of minutes earlier, when the result was going against their team, the ball-boys were racing for the ball.

Despite everything, the youngsters in our side — Ronnie Whelan, Ian Rush and Sammy Lee — coped very well.

Even though we've already got the League Cup under our belts, we won't be easing up. We want to win the League Championship and gain entry to the European Cup again.

The title race is still wide open and there are six teams in contention.

And we'll be looking for three points on Saturday when Notts County come to Anfield. We beat them 4-0 at their place earlier in the season and Ian Rush got a hat-trick. A repeat of that would suit me fine.



ABOVE: Liverpool youngsters like Sammy Lee, seen squeezing the ball past Manchester City's Nicky Reid, will have gained some valuable experience from our European disaster in Sofia.

Typically Tottenham

THIS was the day when the gifted Glenn Hoddle turned Tottenham in the direction of their fourth Wembley appearance in the space of 12 months.

With capital rivals Chelsea laying a first-half foundation of a one-goal lead, the mercurial Hoddle quickly dispelled Tottenham fears that their bid to retain the coveted FA Cup was on the wane.

Within the space of 16 minutes, he orchestrated goals for Steve Archibald and Mike Hazard and, sandwiched in between, produced a superb effort to put Spurs ahead.

It was a typical Tottenham goal, a ripping finale to a smooth build-up that was full of intelligent running and extravagant touches.

The goal emerged from a free-kick deep inside the Tottenham half which was switched across to the left flank by Paul Miller.

Tony Galvin and full-back Chris Hughton combined before the latter squared a ball to Steve Archibald about thirty yards from goal.

Without a moment's hesitation, he back-heeled the ball to young Mike Hazard who, in one ballet-like movement, lofted it into the path of the advancing Hoddle.

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Pele's letter lifts Diego

PELE, widely reckoned to have been the world's greatest player, may have been behind the resurrection of Diego Maradona's threatened international career.

In the midst of his upset and troubles at home in Argentina, when he was dropped from the international squad for a couple of games, Maradona must have taken notice of an open letter written to him in a Brazilian paper by Pele.

The brilliant Brazilian said he appreciated the youngster's problems and his reluctance to play in internationals.

He wrote: "I had some similar moments . . . fame is a heavy cross to bear."

But he stressed that the goalscoring genius should play in the World Cup Finals because he owed it to his manager, his fans and his country.

Soon afterwards Maradona rejoined the Argentinian squad for training.

Outsiders may switch bosses

WORLD Cup outsiders Algeria and Cameroon are toying with the idea of changing their managers before the Finals.

Algeria are reported to be considering sacking Russian boss Bugeni Rogov and bringing in the country's most idolised player, Rachid Mekhloufi, who was a big star with French club St-Etienne for many years.

Cameroon are considering offering their job to the controversial German coach Rudi Cutendorf, who has previously been in charge of Tunisia, Chile and Australia.

Rossi back in the reckoning

ITALY may well have star striker Paolo Rossi back in form by the time the World Cup Finals come around.

The Juventus ace was banned last year for his involvement in a bribes scandal, but members of the Italian players' union have asked for him to be given special permission to play in friendlies until his ban is lifted in April.

They reckon that will give him time to recapture form.

Erwin is Belgium's best . . .

ONE of Belgium's top strikers, Erwin Van den Bergh, has been named as his country's 'Footballer of the Year'.

Van den Bergh, top scorer in Europe two years ago, was a big disappointment in the last European Championships when so much was expected of him in the highly efficient Belgian team.

But the 22-year-old, who has already scored more than 100 goals in the Belgian First Division for Lierse, is a certainty for the World Cup Finals.

Van den Bergh and his Belgian team-mates can thank ace cyclist Eddie Merckx for arranging their luxury training facilities in Spain.

The special sports training complex in Elche is owned by a Spanish shoe manufacturer, who is a friend of Belgium's top cycling star.



11 WEEKS TO GO...

Cunningham back on the goal trail

ENGLAND winger Laurie Cunningham is on the way back.

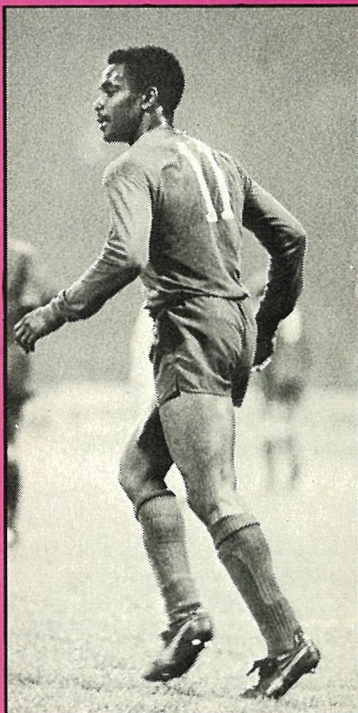
The Real Madrid player has been hit by a whole series of injuries over the past two years.

But he returned as a second half substitute in the recent 1-1 draw with Athletic Bilbao and then scored in the 3-1 UEFA Cup win over Kaiserslautern.

Full game

It was his first full game since the European Cup Final defeat by Liverpool last May.

"I came through all right and now at least I am back earning my keep here," said the former West Brom and Orient player.



Laurie Cunningham — back from injury with a UEFA Cup goal.

Argentiniens in pay row

A CRAZY row over pay for a friendly game nearly threw the World Cup holders Argentina into chaos and wrecked their planning for the Finals.

River Plate, the country's richest and top club, had arranged a friendly in Uruguay with Penarol, but the game was called off when all of River's 16-man squad refused to play because of a row over special payments.

Following the disagreement, River Plate immediately suspended all 16 players for 45 days and that decision was ratified by the country's F.A.

However, the F.A. later rescinded the decision to rescue the national team's preparations.

The star players suspended included Argentina skipper Daniel Passarella, goalscoring ace Mario Kempes, goalkeeper Ubaldo Filliol, midfielder player Americo Gallego, striker Ramon Diaz and new boy Julio Olarticoechea.

Incensed

All six were banned and recalled to Buenos Aires from an Argentinian training camp at Mar del Plata.

That incensed Argentina boss Luis Cesar Menotti: "If this goes on, I will grab all the bags and we will all return to Buenos Aires."

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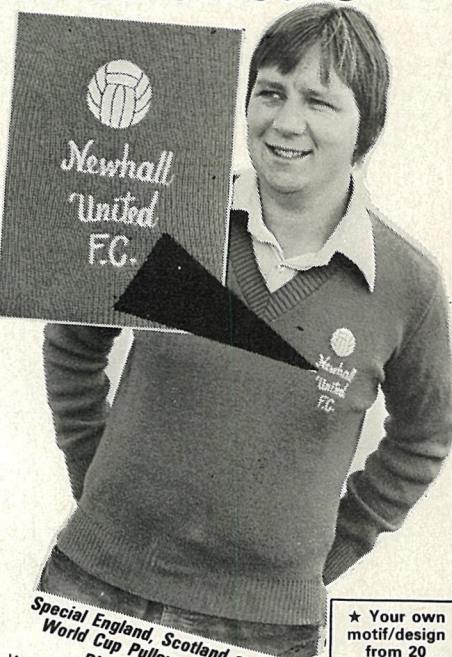
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6 Adequate
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4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

- ★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

Sunday, Mar. 14

Division Four

DARLINGTON (0) 0
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Laidlaw 31)
Att: 2,557
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 5, Wilson 6, Smith 5, Skipper 6, ★**SPEEDIE** 8, Stalker 5, McLean 5, Hawker 7, Hamilton 6, Walsh 5.
Hereford: Brand 7, Price 7, Pejic 6, Hicks 7, Dobson 6, Musial 7, Harvey 6, ★**LAILAW** 9, Phillips 6, Showers 7, White 7.
Referee: K. Walsmley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Smith (Darlington)

Monday, Mar. 15

Division Four

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Tartt 75)
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 87)
Att: 4,325
Port Vale: Harrison 6, ★**TARTT** 8, Bowles 6, Sproson 6, Bromage 6, Armstrong 7, Brissett 6, Greenhoff 6, Chamberlain, N 7, Moss 6, Chamberlain, M 7.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 5, Cooke 6, ★**McFARLAND** 8, Watson 6, Lester 5, Ingham 6, Chapman 5, Gallagher 6, Campbell 7, McNiven 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Lester (Bradford)

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Sunley 75)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Harvey 1)
Att: 1,357
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Fowler 6, Sherlock 7, Emerson 7, Thorpe 7, Smith 6, Williams 6, Sunley 7, Power 7, ★**PARK** 8, Stafford 7.
Hereford: Brand 7, Price 6, Pejic 7, Hicks 7, Dobson 7, Musial 6, Harvey 7, ★**LAILAW** 8, Phillips 6 (sub. Spiring 6), Showers 7, White 7.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Mar. 16

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Meade 87, Sunderland 88)
WEST BROM (1) 2 (King 27, Cross 84)
Att: 15,779
Arsenal: Wood 6, ★**HOLLINS** 8, Sansom 6, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Whyte 5, Gorman 5 (sub. Meade 7), Sunderland 6, Davis 6, Robson 7, Rix 6.
West Brom: Grew 7, Batson 6 (sub. Cross 7), Statham 6, Bennett 7, Wile 6, ★**ROBERTSON** 8, Brown 6, King 6, Monaghan 6, Owen 7, Zondervan 7.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★

WOLVES (1) 1 (Eves 11)
LEEDS (0) 0
Att: 11,729
Wolves: ★**BRADSHAW** 7, Humphrey 5, Palmer 5, Villazan 6, Gallagher 5, Coy 5, Hibbitt 5, Carr 5, Eves 4, Matthews 5, Clarke 6.
Leeds: Lukic 4, Greenhoff 5 (sub. Harris 4), Gray, E 5, Hird 5, Cherry 5, Burns 5, Parlane 5, Thomas 5, ★**WORTHINGTON** 6, Connor 4, Gray, F 4.
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BARNLEY (1) 4 (Walker 44, 53, Banks 67, Evans 75)
LUTON (1) 3 (Stein 10, 55, Law, og 80)
Att: 14,044
Barnley: Horn 6, Law 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Banks 7, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, ★**WALKER** 9, Aylott 7, Mann 6, Birch 7.
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 6, Aizlewood 7, Horton 7, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 6, Hill 7, ★**STEIN** 8, White 7, Fuccillo 7 (sub. Antic 6), Moss 7.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
WATFORD (0) 2 (Jenkins 63, Barnes 77)
Att: 6,146
Grimsby: ★**BATCH** 8, Moore, D 5, Crombie 6, Waters 6, Cooper 7, Moore, K 7, Brolly 5, Kilmore 5, Drinkell 6, Beacock 6, Cumming 5 (sub. Whymark).
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 7, Pritchett 7, Taylor 7, ★**TERRY** 8, Bolton 7, Rostron 6, Blissett 6, Jenkins 7, Lohman 7, Barnes 7.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (1) 1 (Jennings 10)
NORWICH (1) 1 (Jack 33)
Att: 2,933
Orient: Day 7, Hughton 6, Roffey 6, Fisher 7, Gray 6, Foster 6, ★**MARGERISON** 8, Silkman 6, Godfrey 7, Moores 6, Jennings 7.
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6 (sub. Bennett), Downs 6, McGuire 7, Walford 7, Watson 7.

Jack 7, ★**O'NEILL** 8, Deehan 7, Bertschin 5, Mendham 6.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Avon)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Dungworth 45)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Edwards 83)
Att: 4,741
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Leonard 6, Johnson 6, Cross 6, Griffin 7, MacLaren 6, Biggins 6, Turner 6, Aitkins 6, ★**DUNGWORTH** 8, Bates 6.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, Jones 6, Bater 6, Dowman 7, Cegielski 6, Ronson 7, Leman 7, McNeil 6, Edwards 6, Fox 6, ★**CARRODUS** 8.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Lister 59)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bannon 4)
Att: 3,431
Doncaster: Boyd 8, ★**LALLY** 9, Cooper 7, Snodin, I 8, Lister 8, Humphries, G 7, Pugh 8, Harle 6, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 8, Mell 6.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 7, Houghton 7, Ashurst 8, Craig 8, Bannon 7, Coughlin 7, ★**ROBSON** 9, Lee 7, Staniforth 7.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (1) 1 (Tempest 27)
PLYMOUTH (2) 3 (Sims 2, Cooper 38, Cook 56)
Att: 5,105
Fulham: Peyton 6, Lock 6, Strong 5, O'Driscoll 5 (sub. Beck 6), Brown 7, Hopkins 6, Davies 6, ★**WILSON** 8, Tempest 6, O'Sullivan 6, Parker 6.
Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 7, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 7, Hodges 7, Cook 7, Sims 7, ★**RANDELL** 8, Rogers 7.
Referee: I. J. Borrett (Norfolk)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Bruce 27, Price 82)
SOUTHEM (0) 0
Att: 3,782
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Shaw 6, Sittion 7, Ovard 6 (sub. Weatherley), ★**TYDEMAN** 8, White 6, Cascarino 7, Price 7.
Southend: ★**KEELEY** 8, Stead 6, Yates 6, Pennyfather 6, Moody 7, Cusack 7, Pountney 6, Phillips 6, Nelson 7, Mercer 6, Otulakowski 6.
Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Tynan, pen 34)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Williams, B, pen 15)
Att: 5,312
Newport: Kendall 7, Lees 5, Moore 6 (sub. Waddle 6), Davies 6, Oakes 7, Tynan 7, Vaughan 7, ★**ELSEY** 8, Aldridge 6, Gwyther 6, Lowdes 7.
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Jones 6, Slatter 6, Bailey 6, Parkin 6, Hughes 7, Barrett 7, Williams, D 6, Stephens 7, ★**RANDALL** 8, Williams, B 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (1) 1 (Buckley 35)
READING (0) 2 (Webb 71, Kearney 88)
Att: 2,789
Walsall: ★**GREEN** 8, Macken 5, Caswell 6, Beech 6, Serella 5, Hart 7, Rees 7, Loveridge 6, Penn 6, Buckley 6, O'Kelly 6 (sub. Round 6).
Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 6, White 6, ★**WEBB** 8, Hicks 6, Hetzke 6, Beavon 7, Kearney 7, Dixon 7, Sanchez 6, Lewis 6.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (O'Riordan 70)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cunningham 5)
Att: 4,780
Preston: Hodge 6, Anderson 6, McAteer 6, ★**BELL** 8, Booth 6, O'Riordan 6, Kelly 7, McGee 6, Elliott 5, Buckley 5, Bruce 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 6, Neale 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 6, Thompson 6, Shipley 7, Turner 6, Hobson 7, ★**CUNNINGHAM** 8, Hibberd 6.
Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Gynn 19)
Att: 1,453
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 7, Wooler 6,

Briley 6 (sub. Scott 6), Bennett 6, Jopling 6, ★**McGREGOR** 8, McDonald 6, Sanford 6, French 5, Brodie 5.
Peterborough: Freeman 7, Butler 6, Phillips 6, ★**GYNN** 8, Smith, T 6, Rodaway 6, Syrett 6, Hodgson 6, Cooke 7, Smith, B 6 (sub. Clarke 6), Chard 6.
Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Lumby 81)
Att: 2,000
Colchester: Walker 5, Cook 6, Coleman 6, Leslie 5, Wignall 6, Wright 6, Adcock 6, Bremner 7, ★**OSBORNE** 8, McDonough 5, Allinson 5.
Mansfield: Arnold 7, McJannet 6, Foster 7, Bell 7, Burrows 6, Wood 6, Mann 6, Cannell 5, ★**LUMBY** 8, Nicholson 6, Thompson 5.
Referee: A. Grey (Gorleston)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (1) 1 (Ricketts 7)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Houchen 31, Hogan 68)
Att: 1,116
Crewe: ★**MULHEARN** 7, Lewis 6, Griffiths 5, Salathiel 6, Scott 5, Palios 5, Heath 6, Ricketts 6, Chesters 5, Howat 5, Williams 6.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Linacre, J 6, Linacre, P 6, Hogan 7, Bainbridge 6, Brown 7, Harding 6, Staff 7, Newton 6, ★**HOUCHEEN** 8, Johnson 6 (sub. Stimpson 6).
Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Walsh, pen 25, Hamilton 58, McFadden 79)
WIGAN (0) 1 (Glenn 65)
Att: 2,147
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 6, Wilson 6, Smith 7, Skipper 7, Speedie 8, McFadden 7, McLean 7, Hawker 6, Hamilton 6, ★**WALSH** 9.
Wigan: Tunks 5, McMahon 6, Glenn 7, Wignall 6 (sub. Quinn), Cribley 7, Methven 7, O'Keefe 7, Barrow 6, Bradd 5, Evans 7, ★**HOUGHTON** 8.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Morgan 47, Funnell 85)
Att: 1,441
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Lambert 6, Davy 6, Keeley 7, Dall 7, Oates 7, Arins 7, ★**TELFER** 8, Botham 7, Moss 7, Stewart 7.
Bournemouth: ★**LEIGH** 8, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, Spackman 7, Compton 7, Brignull 6, Carter 7, Williams 6, Funnell 7, Morgan 7, Dawtry 7.
Referee: D. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (3) 7 (Edwards 3, 22, 88, Hutton 53, 63, MacPhail 28, Neville 60)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Perrin 77, Massey 84, pen 89)
Att: 15,716
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Casey 7, Garner 7, Matthews 7 (sub. Neville 7), Houston 7, MacPhail 7, Morris 8, Trussion 7, Edwards 8, ★**HATTON** 9, King 6.
Northampton: Poole 6, Brady 6, Saunders 6, Gage 6, Kruse 7, Coffill 7, Saxby 6, Sandy 6 (sub. Heeley 6), Buchanan 6, ★**MASSEY** 8, Perrin 7.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Kerr 55, 58)
ROCHDALE (0) 0
Att: 1,131
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 6, Burgess 6, Mountfield 6, Bramhall 7, Williams 6, Powell 5, Parry 6, ★**KERR** 8, Craven 6, Griffiths 5 (sub. Morley).
Rochdale: Crawford 5, Weir 6, Snookes 6, ★**DOLAN** 7, Burke 6, Taylor 6, Esser 5, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 6, Wellings 6, Martinez 5.
Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★

YORK (0) 1 (Walwyn 56)
HULL (1) 3 (Mutrie 45, Whitehurst 68, Marwood 78)
Att: 4,771
York: ★**ASTBURY** 9, Sweeney 6, Dawson 7, Hood 7, Smith 5, Aitken 8, Kay 7 (sub. Fell), Byrne 7, Walwyn 7, Ford 7, Laverick 7.
Hull: Norman 7, Swann 7, Booth 7, Roberts, D 7, Thompson 6, Davis 6, Marwood 7, ★**McCLAREN** 9, Whitehurst 7, Mutrie 7, Deacy 7.
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

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SCOTTISH First Division

QUEENS PARK (2) 3 (Verrechia 6, Rutherford 9, Gilmore 55)
ST JOHNSTONE (2) 2 (Morton 8, Brogan 43)
Att: 475

Wednesday, Mar. 17

Division One

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Whitton 39)
Att: 34,499
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 5, Albiston 5,
★WILKINS 7, Moran 6, Buchan 6, Robson 6
(sub. Duxbury), Birtles 5, Stapleton 5, Moses
5, Coppell 6.
Coventry: Sealey 6, ★THOMAS 8, Roberts
7, Jacobs 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Whitton 7,
Francis 7, Hateley 6, English 7, Butterworth
6.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Plummer 69)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark, pen 81)
Att: 16,686
Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, ★ANDERSON 8,
Bowyer 6, McGovern 6, Young 6, Gunn 7,
Plummer 7, Proctor 6, Ward 6, Wallace 6,
Rober 7.
Ipswich: ★SIVELL 8, Burley 6, Gernon 6,
Mills 6 (sub. O'Callaghan), Osman 7, Steggles
5, Wark 7, Muhren 6, McCall 6, Brazil 6,
Gates 7.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Steggles (Ipswich)

Division Two

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Mayes 62)
CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 2 (Mabbutt 7,
Murphy 27)
Att: 13,894
Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 6, Hutchings 6,

Nutton 6, Chivers 7, Pates 6 (sub. Walker 7),
Rhoades-Brown 7, Britton 7, Lee 7, Mayes 7,
★FILLERY 8.
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 6,
Boulter 7, Murphy 7, ★WICKS 8, Gilbert 7,
Giles 6, Smillie 6, Cannon 7, Mabbutt 7,
Langley 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Melrose 81)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0
Att: 21,123
Leicester: Walker 7, Williams 7, Friar 7,
Peake 6, ★MAY 8, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6 (sub.
Welsh), Lineker 6, Melrose 7, Wilson 6,
MacDonald 7.
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 6, Breckin
6, Hughes 6, ★STANCLIFFE 8, Green 7,
Towner 6, Gow 6, Moore 6, Seaman 7,
McEwan 6 (sub. Fern).
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 0
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Laws, pen 28)
Att: 3,261
Chester: ★HARRINGTON 9, Cottam 6,
Raynor 7, Storton 6, Zelem 6, Oakes 6,
Sutcliffe 7, Needham 6, Simpson 6, Burns 8,
Henderson 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Holt 7, Scott 8,
Overson 7, Phelan 6, Dobson 8, ★STEVEN 9,
Hamilton 7, Flynn (sub. Potts 7), Young 7.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Storton (Chester)

OXFORD (0) 0
EXETER (0) 0
Att: 5,098
Oxford: Burton 6, Doyle 6 (sub. Wright), Fogg
6, Berry 5, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Brock 6,
★LYTHGOE 7, Kearns 6, Thomas 5,
Smithers 5.
Exeter: ★BOND 8, Kirkup 5, Sparrow 6,
Marker 5, Foster 5, Mitchell 7, Pratt 6, Rogers
5, Kellow 6, Delve 6, Pullar 5.
Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

European Cup, Quarter-Final, second leg

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Shaw, McNaught)
DYNAMO KIEV (Russia) (0) 0
Att: 38,579
(Villa win 2-0 on aggregate)
CSKA SOFIA (Bulgaria) (0) 2 (Miadenov 2)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
After Extra Time
Att: 60,000
(CSKA Sofia win 2-1 on aggregate)

Other results: Red Star (Yugoslavia) 1,
Anderlecht (Belgium) 2 — Anderlecht win
4-2 on aggregate; Bayern Munich (W.
Germany) 1, Uni. Craiova (Rumania) 1 —
Bayern win 3-1 on aggregate.

European Cup Winners' Cup Quarter-Finals, second leg

EINTRACHT (W. Germany) (2) 2 (Borchers,
Cha)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hodde)
Att: 44,000
(Spurs win 3-2 on aggregate)

Other results: Dynamo Tbilisi (Russia) 1,
Legia (Poland) 0 — Dynamo win 1-0 on
aggregate.

UEFA Cup Quarter-Finals, second leg

RADNICKI NIS (Yugoslavia) (0) 3
(Panajotovic 2, Djordjevic, pen)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
Att: 25,000
(Radnicki win 3-2 on aggregate)

Other results: Gothenburg (Sweden) 2,
Valencia (Spain) 0 — Gothenburg win 4-2
on aggregate; Xama Neuchatel
(Switzerland) 0, Hamburg (W. Germany) 0
— Hamburg win 3-2 on aggregate;
Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 5, Real
Madrid (Spain) 0 — Kaiserslautern win 6-3
on aggregate.

European U-21 Championship Quarter-Finals, first leg

POLAND (0) 1 (Buda)
ENGLAND (1) 2 (Goddard, Hodgson)
Att: 5,000

SCOTTISH Premier Division

DUNDEE (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Simpson 12, Hewitt 53,
Cowan 74)
Att: 6,126
Dundee: Geddes 6, Cameron 7, McClelland
6, ★FRASER 8, Smith 6, Glennie 6, Mackie
6, Kidd 6, Fleming 7, McGeachie 6, Murphy 6
(sub. Sinclair 6).
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 7,
Watson 6, McLeish 7, Miller 7 (sub. Cowan 7)
★STRACHAN 8, Simpson 6, McGhee 7,
McMaster 7, Hewitt 7.
Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 0
Att: 14,750
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 6,
Rooney 7, ★MCLOUGHLIN 8, Duffy 6,
McNeil 7, Houston 6, Busby 7, Hutchison 6,
Ritchie 7.
Rangers: ★MCLOY 8, Jardine 6, Dawson
7, McClelland 7, Jackson 6, Bett 7, McKay 6
(sub. Davis 6), Russell 7, Johnstone 7,
Redford 6, MacDonald 7.
Referee: M. Delaney (Cleland)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AYR (1) 1 (McInally 25)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McDicken 89)
Att: 3,663

Second Division

ALBION ROVERS (1) 1 (Evans, pen 33)
EAST FIFE (0) 0
Att: 725

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MATCH FACTS MATCH

CLYDE (1) 1 (Reilly 30)
ARBROATH (0) 1 (Yule 87)
 Att: 1,010

COWDENBEATH (0) 0
STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 550

FORFAR (1) 2 (McPhee 24, Alexander 71)
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Nicol 19)
 Att: 865

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Jobson 14, Georgeson 69)
BERWICK (0) 1 (Lawson 57)
 Att: 420

Friday, Mar. 19

Division Three

SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Mercer 16, 19)
PRESTON (0) 2 (Elliott 70, Bruce 83)
 Att: 3,549
Southend: Keeley 5, Hadley 6, Yates 6, Pennyfather 5, Moody 5, Cusack 6, Pountney 6 (sub. Spence 5), Phillips 7, Nelson 7, ***MERCER 8**, Otulakowski 5.
Preston: Hodge 6, Anderson 5, Naughton 6, Bell 7 (sub. Walsh 5), Booth 7, ***O'RIORDAN 8**, Kelly 6, Doyle 6, Elliott 7, Buckley 7, Bruce 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Mar. 20

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Hateley 60)
ARSENAL (0) 0
 Att: 11,965
Coventry: ***SEALEY 8**, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Whittton 5, Francis 7, Hateley 7, English 7, Butterworth 7.
Arsenal: Wood 6, Hollins 7, ***SANSOM 8**, Talbot 7, Devine 6, Whyte 7, Gorman 5 (sub. Meade 5), Sunderland 6, Davis 7, Robson 7, Rix 7.
Referee: J. Kay (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Wark 25, McCall 45, Gates 69)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (McNaught 78)
 Att: 20,407

Ipswich: Sivell 6, Burley 7, McCall 7, Mills 7, Osman 7, Steggles 7, Wark 7, Muhren 7, O'Callaghan 5, ***BRAZIL 8**, Gates 7.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Williams 6, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Bullivant 6, Blair 6 (sub. Heard 6), ***SHAW 8**, Donovan 6, Cowans 6, Morley 7.
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloooville)
Match Rating: ★★★

LEEDS (1) 1 (Worthington, pen 26)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Rober 7)
 Att: 18,036
Leeds: Lukic 8, Hird 6, Gray, E 6, Gray, F 6, Cherry 6, Burns 7, Parlane 5 (sub. Thomas 6), Graham 6, Worthington 8, Connor 6, ***BARNES 9**.

Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Bowyer 5, McGovern 6, Young 6, Gunn 6, Rober 7, Wallace 7, ***FASHANU 8**, Proctor 7, Plummer 6.
Referee: R. F. Nixon (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Rush 13)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
 Att: 30,344
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 7, Kennedy 7, Whelan 6, Thompson 6, Dalglish 7, ***LEE 8**, Rush 7, Johnston 7 (sub. Johnson 7), Souneis 6.
Sunderland: ***TURNER 9**, Hinnigan 6, Munro 8, Hindmarch 6, Chisholm 6 (sub. Venison 6), Elliott 6, Buckley 7, McCoist 7, Rowell 6, Pickering 7, Cummins 6.
Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke-on-Trent)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Bond 6)
EVERTON (1) 1 (Heath 5)
 Att: 33,002
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7, McDonald 7, Reid 7, ***BOND 8**, Caton 7, Ryan 6, Reeves 7, Francis 6, Hartford 7, Hareide 6.
Everton: Southall 7, Borrows 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 6, Wright 7, Richardson 6, Irvine 7, ***HEATH 8**, Sharp 7, McMahon 7, Ross 6.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Francis (Manchester City)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (McAndrew, pen 59, Ashcroft 74)
WEST HAM (2) 3 (Van der Elst 15, Goddard 29, 89)
 Att: 12,134

Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Craggs 7, Bailey 7, Ross 7, Baxter 6, McAndrew 7, Cochrane 7, Nattrass 7, Hodgson 7, ***ASHCROFT 9**, Thomson 7.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Orr 7, Devonshire 7, Allen 6, Goddard 8, Van der Elst 7, ***BROOKING 9**, Pike 7 (sub. Neighbour 6).
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Harkoui 71)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 3 (Coppell 10, 62, Stapleton 64)
 Att: 17,056
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 6, Masson 6, Kilcline 5, Richards 7, McParland 7, Harkoui 6, McCulloch 6, Christie 7, ***MAIR 8**.
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Gidman 7, Albiston 6, Wilkins 8, Moran 7 (sub. McGarvey), Buchan 6, Robson 8, Birtles 7, Stapleton 8, Moses 7, ***COPPELL 9**.
Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 9,120
Stoke: Fox 7, Kirk 6, Hampton 7, Dodd 7, Watson 6, McAughtrie 5, ***McILROY 8**, O'Callaghan 4, Chapman 6 (sub. Griffiths 7), Bracewell 6, Maguire 5.
Brighton: Digweed 7, Shanks 6, Nelson 7, Grealish 7, ***STEVENS 8**, Gattling 6, Case 5, Ritchie 5, Robinson 6, McNab 6, Smith 7 (sub. Ryan).
Referee: M. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Roberts 30, 32, 50)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Baker 54, Armstrong 84)
 Att: 46,827
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 7, Price 6, Hazard 6, Perryman 6, ***ROBERTS 9**, Archibald 7, Galvin 8, Huddle 7, Villa 7.
Southampton: ***KATALINIC 9**, Agboola 7, Holmes 7, Baker 7, Nicholl 6, Waldron 6, Keegan 8, Channon 7, Williams 7, Armstrong 7, Ball 6 (sub. Puckett).
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★★

WEST BROM (0) 1 (Robertson 48)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Evans 83)
 Att: 21,160
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Statham 6, Bennett 7, Wile 6, ***ROBERTSON 8**, Cross 6, King 6, Regis 6, Owen 7, Zondervan 7.
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Langan 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Stevenson 5, Scott 6, Curbishley 6, ***DILLON 8**, Brocken 6 (sub. Hawker 6), Evans 6, Broadhurst 6, Van Mierlo 7.
Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Broadhurst (Birmingham)

WOLVES (0) 0
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Walsh 35)
 Att: 14,158
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Humphrey 6, Palmer 5, Matthews 5, Pender 6, Coy 6, Hibbitt 6, Carr 5, Gray 5, Eves 4, ***CLARKE 7**.
Swansea: Davies 6, Stanley 6, Hadziabdic 6, ***IRWIN 7**, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 5, Curtis 6, James, R 5, Walsh 5, Stevenson 5, Robinson 5.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BOLTON (0) 0
NORWICH (0) 1 (Jones, og 86)
 Att: 6,199
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, ***HENRY 8**, Jones 6, McElhinney 6, Chandler 7, Foster 6, Gowing 6, Hoggan 6, Langleigh 6.
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Downs 6, Shepherd 6, Walford 7, Watson 7, Jack 7, ***O'NEILL 8**, Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Bennett 7.
Referee: P. Willis (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (5) 5 (Stevens 24, 29, 39, Kitchen 27, 43)
CAMBRIDGE (2) 4 (Reilly 15, Gibbins 38, Fallon 68, Streete 89)
 Att: 3,242
Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 6, Gilbert 7, Pontin

5, Hughes 5, Bennett, G 6, Grapes 7 (sub. Maddy 6), Micallef 5, Kitchen 6, Bennett, D 7, ***STEVENS 9**.
Cambridge: Key 5, Donaldson 5, Murray 5, Smith 4, Fallon 5, Nicholls 7, Cartwright 5, O'Neill 5, Gibbins 7, Reilly 6, ***STREETE 8**.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Rhoades-Brown 22)
ROTHERHAM (3) 4 (McEwan 33, Moore 35, 44, Townner 89)
 Att: 11,900
Chelsea: Francis 6, Locke 5, Hutchings 6, Nutton 6, Chivers 5, Pates 6, ***RHOADES-BROWN 7**, Britton 6 (sub. Walker 6), Lee 6, Mayes 6, Fillery 6.
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6, Breckin 6, Hughes 7, Stancliffe 7, Green 6, ***TOWNER 9**, Gow 6, Moore 8, Seasman 7, McEwan 7.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 3 (Smillie 8, 75, Mabbutt 12)
LUTON (3) 3 (Antic 12, Moss, pen 14, Stein 38)
 Att: 12,001
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 6, Boulter 7, Murphy 7, Wicks 8, Gilbert 6, Giles 7, ***SMILLIE 9**, Langley 7 (sub. Hilaire 6), Mabbutt 8, Cannon 7.
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 7, Turner 7, Horton 7, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 6, Hill 8, Stein 7, White 7, Antic 8, ***MOSS 9**.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Kilmore 44)
DERBY (0) 0
 Att: 7,573
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Crombie 6, Waters 6, Cooper 7, Moore, K 7, Broily 6, Kilmore 7 (sub. Whymark 6), Drinkell 6, Beacock 6, ***CUMMING 8**.
Derby: Banovic 7, Attley 6 (sub. Hector 6), Buckley 6, Skivington 7, Sheridan 6, McAlle 7, ***GEORGE 8**, Powell, B 6, Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 6, Emson 5.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★

NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Mills 14, Brownlie 38)
OLDHAM (0) 0
 Att: 18,488
Newcastle: ***CARR 9**, Brownlie 8, Saunders 7, Treweek 7, Carney 7, Haddock 8 (sub. Shoulder), Mills 7, Martin 7, Varadi 7, Cartwright 7, Waddle 7.
Oldham: McDonnell 7, ***HOOLICKIN 9**, Ryan 6, Keegan 8, Firm 6, Fletcher 6, Wyld 6, Heaton 7, Steel 7, Palmer 6, Edwards 6.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Fletcher (Oldham)

QPR (1) 4 (Fenwick 11, Allen 62, 68, 74)
CHARLTON (0) 0
 Att: 13,118
QPR: Hucker 8, Neill 7, Gillard 7 (sub. Burke 8), Fenwick 7, Hazell 6, Roeder 7, ***CURRIE 9**, Flanagan 7, Allen 8, Stainrod 8, Micklewhite 8.
Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 6, Elliott 5, Mehmet 7, Gritt 6, Phillips 6, Lansdowne 6, ***WALSH 8**, Hales 6 (sub. Smith 7), Berry 6, Robinson 7.
Referee: M. Dimplebee (Hertfordshire)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (Bannister 68, Pearson 87)
LEICESTER (0) 0
 Att: 18,962
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 7, Williamson 7, Smith 7, Pickering 7, Taylor 6, Megson 7, Mirocevic 6, ***BANNISTER 8**, McCulloch 7 (sub. Pearson 7), Curran 6.
Leicester: Walker 7, Williams 6, Friar 7, Peake 7, ***MAY 8**, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6 (sub. Melrose 7), Lineker 7, Young 6, Wilson 7, MacDonald 7.
Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (1) 3 (Jenkins 40, Blisssett, pen 61, 82)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Dungworth 73)
 Att: 11,780
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 5, Pritchett 5 (sub. Armstrong), ***TAYLOR 9**, Terry 6, Bolton 6, Roston 7, Blisssett 6, Jenkins 7, Lohman 8, Barnes 7.
Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, Leonard 6, Johnston 6, Cross 5 (sub. Tong 6), Griffin 6, MacLaren 7, Biggins 7, Turner 6, ***ATKINS 8**, Dungworth 7, Bates 5.
Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Leman 36)
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att: 5,780
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 7, Bater 7, Downman 7, Cegielski 7, Ronson 7, Leman 7, McNeil 6, Edwards 6, Fox 7, ***CARRODUS 8**.
Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 6, Arnott 6, ***KEELEY 8**, Fazackerley 6, Miller 6, Stonehouse 6, Bell 7, Garner 6, Brotherston 6.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (3) 3 (Mabbutt 30, Randall 33, Williams 43)
DONCASTER (0) 0
 Att: 4,597
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Jones 7 (sub. Curle), Slatter 6, Bailey 7, Parkin 7, Hughes 7, Barratt 7, Williams 7, Stephens 6, Randall 7, ***MABBUTT 8**.
Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 6, ***COOPER 8**, Snodin, I 6, Lally 7, Lister 6, Pugh 6, Harle 6, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 7, Mell 6 (sub. Humphries 6).
Referee: J. Moules (Essex)
Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (0) 0
BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Att: 7,871
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Holt 6, ***SCOTT 8**, Overson 6, Phelan 6, Dobson 6, Steven 5, Hamilton 7, McGee 6, Young 5.
Brentford: McKellar 6, Rowe 7, Hill 6, ***SALMAN 8**, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Johnson 6, Bowen 6, Booker 6, Roberts 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Bannon 36, Coughlin 45)
NEWPORT (0) 2 (Aldridge 76, Tynan 83)
 Att: 4,042
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 7, Houghton 7, Ashurst 7, Craig 6, Bannon 6, Coughlin 7, ***ROBSON 8** (sub. Collins 7), Lee 6, Staniforth 7.
Newport: Kendall 6, Lees 7, ***TYNAN 8**, Davies 6, Oakes 6, Johnson 6, Vaughan 6, Eisey 7, Aldridge 7, Gwyther 6 (sub. Bishop 5), Lowndes 6.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Bishop (Newport)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Wilson 69)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att: 4,230
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Stirk 4, O'Neill 6, ***WILSON 9**, Green 7 (sub. Athersych), Pollard 6, Windridge 4, Henderson 6, Bonnyman 5, Ridley 6, Crawford 5.
Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 6, Hay 6, Newman 6, Williams 7, Nicholls 7, ***MUSKER 8**, Bray 7, Carter 7, Harford 6, Economou 6.
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★★

EXETER (2) 2 (Pratt 14, Kellow 41)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Joseph 29)
 Att: 3,002
Exeter: Main 7, Kirkup 7, Sparrow 7, Rogers, M 6, Foster 6, Roberts 7, Pratt 7, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 7 (sub. Marker), ***PULLAR 8**, Delve 6.

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Wimbledon: ★BEASANT 8, Brown 5, Armstrong 7, Smith 5 (sub. Leslie 5), Morris 6, Downes 6, Ketteridge 7, Joseph 7, Evans 5, Hodges 6, Elliott 7.
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★★

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Peake 10, Cockerill 66)
 OXFORD (0) 1 (Thomas 53)
 Att: 4,474
 Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 7, Neale 7, Cockerill 6, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Shipley 7, Turner 7, Hobson 6, Cunningham 6, ★HIBBERD 8.
 Oxford: Burton 7, Wright 6, Fogg 6, Berry 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Brock 7, Lythgoe 6 (sub. Kingston 6), Kearns 7, ★THOMAS 8, Smithers 7.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★

PLYMOUTH (3) 4 (Cook 11, 18, Nisbet 40, Rogers 50)
 WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn 46)
 Att: 5,134
 Plymouth: Crudgington 5, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 6, Hodges 5, ★COOK 8, Sims 6, Randall 7, Rogers 7.
 Walsall: Green 5, Horn 4, Sinnot 4, Beech 5 (sub. Loveridge 4), Serella 5, Hart 4, Rees 4, Caswell 5, ★PENN 7, O'Kelly 4, Waddington 5.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★
 Sendings Off: Caswell and Rees (Walsall)

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Rafferty 42)
 FULHAM (0) 1 (Lock, pen 85)
 Att: 10,712
 Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 7, Barnard 6, ★AIZLEWOOD 8, Ellis 6, Berry 7 (sub. Wimbledon), Rafferty 7, Senior 7, Tait 5, Crown 5.
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 6, O'Driscoll 5, Brown 7, ★GALE 8, Davies 7, Wilson 6, Tempest 5 (sub. Parker), O'Sullivan 5, Lock 5.
Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★★

READING (3) 4 (Kearney 27, Sanchez 29, Dixon 45, Webb 84)
 CHESTER (0) 1 (Simpson 87)
 Att: 3,093
 Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 6 (sub. Donnellan 6), White 6, ★WEBB 8, Hicks 6, Wood 5, Beavon 6, Kearney 6, Dixon 6, Sanchez 6, Lewis 6.
 Chester: Harrington 5, Needham 5, Raynor 5, Storton 5, Cottam 5, Oakes 5, ★SUTCLIFFE 7, Blackwell 5 (sub. Allen 5), Simpson 5, Burns 5, Henderson 5.
Referee: I. J. Borrett (Norfolk)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 0
 GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Adams 3)
 Att: 4,908
 Swindon: ★ALLAN 7, Henry 5, Williams 6, Emmanuel 5 (sub. Carter, M), Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Hughes 5, Carter, B 5, Rideout 6, Greenwood 5, Pritchard 6.
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7, Bruce 7, Weatherly 7, Shaw 7, Sittton 6, ★TYDEMAN 8, White 6, Cascarino 7, Price 6.
Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
 SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Edwards 54)
 Att: 7,542
 Blackpool: Hesford 7, ★SIMMONITE 8, Brockbank 7, Deary 5, Harrison 5 (sub. Wann 5), McEwan 6, Hockaday 6, Noble 7, Bamber 7, Pashley 6, Entwistle 6.
 Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Casey 6, Garner 7, ★MATTHEWS 8, Houston 6, Kenworthy 7, Morris 5, Trusson 6, Edwards 7, Hatton 6, King 7.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Crawford 80)
 TRANMERE (0) 1 (Williams 50)
 Att: 5,302
 Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 6, ★SULLEY 7, Spackman 6, Brignull 6, Impey 6, Carter 5, Smith 5, Funnell 5 (sub. Crawford 6), Morgan 5, Dawtry 5.
 Tranmere: Endersby 7, ★MUNGALL 8, Burgess 6, Mountfield 7, Bramhall 7, Williams 6, Powell 6, Parry 6, Kerr 5, Craven 5, Griffiths 5 (sub. Morley).
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Spooner 45, Ward 82)
 CREWE (0) 1 (Palios 48)
 Att: 2,128
 Halifax: Smelt 7, Chamberlain 7, Carr 7, Evans 6, Ayre 6, Hendrie 6, Ward 7, Davison 7, Keys 7, ★SPOONER 8, Firth 6 (sub. Graham 6).
 Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 6, Griffiths 6, Salathiel 7, ★SCOTT 8, Palios 7, Haslegrave 7, Callaghan 6 (sub. Heath 7), Chesters 6, Howatt 6, Williams 7.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Newton 46, Bainbridge 88)
 ALDERSHOT (0) 2 (Brodie 77, Robinson 90)
 Att: 1,702
 Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Linacre, J 7, Linacre, P 6, Hogan 7, Bird 7, Brown 6, Bainbridge 6, Staff 7, Newton 6, Houchen 7, ★JOHNSON 8.
 Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 5, Wooler 6, Wanklyn 6 (sub. Robinson), Bennett 6, Jopling 7, McGregor 6, French 7, Sanford 5, ★BRODIE 8, McDonald 7.
Referee: G. Flint (Mansfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Price 61, White 83)
 YORK (1) 1 (Aitken 29)
 Att: 2,703
 Hereford: Brand 7, ★PRICE 8, Pejic 6, Hicks 7, Bartley 6, Spiring 6, Harvey 6, Laidlaw 6, Phillips 6, Showers 7, White 7.
 York: Astbury 7, Sweeney 7, Dawson 6, Hood 6, Smith 7, ★AITKEN 8, Kay 6, Byrne 6, Walwyn 6, Ford 7, Laverick 6.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 3 (Booth 47, Mutrie 55, Deacy 80)
 PORT VALE (0) 1 (Deakin 88)
 Att: 5,506
 Hull: Norman 6, Swann 6 (sub. Richards 6), Booth 7, Roberts, D 7, Thompson 7, Davis 6, Marwood 7, McClaren 6, Whitehurst 7, ★MUTRIE 8, Deacy 7.
 Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tarrt 6, Bromage 6, Brissett 5 (sub. Keenan), Deakin 6, Bowles 6, Shankland 6, Moss 6, ★GREENHOFF 7, Armstrong 6, Chamberlain 5.
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Lumby 70, Parkinson, pen 76)
 STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Williams 2, Emmerson 64)
 Att: 2,159
 Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJanet 7, Foster 5, Bell 6, Burrows 5, Wood 6, ★MANN 8, Cannell 5, Lumby 5, Nicholson 6, Thomson 5 (sub. Parkinson 6).
 Stockport: ★LLOYD 8, Rutter 5, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 6, Thorpe 6, Smith 5, Williams 6, Phillips 5, Coyle 6, Park 6, Stafford 7.
Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Bradley, og 37)
 BURY (0) 0
 Att: 2,109
 Northampton: Poole 7, Brady 6, Carlton 6, Gage 7, ★KRUSE 9, Coffill 6, Saxby 7, Buchanan 6, Heeley 6 (sub. Sandy 7), Perrin 8, Massey 8.
 Bury: Brown 7, Bradley 4, Kennedy 5, Gore 7, Hilton, P 7, ★HOWARD 8, Madden 5 (sub. Jakub 6), Butler 6, Johnson 7, Hilton, M 7, Cruickshank 7.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Gynn 4, Hodgson 65)
 SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Stewart 70)
 Att: 4,758
 Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Phillips 5, Gynn 7, Smith 7, Rodaway 7, Clarke 5, ★KELLOCK 8, Cooke 6, Hodgson 6, Chard 6.
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Davy 5, Lambert 6, Keeley 7, Dall 5, Oates 6, Arins 5, Telfer 6, Botham 6, ★MOSS 8, Hughes 5 (sub. Stewart 6).
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (O'Loughlin 44, Wellings 65, Hilditch 86)
 DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Speedie 30, 57)
 Att: 1,252
 Rochdale: ★CRAWFORD 9, Weir 6, Snookes 6, Dolan 6, Burke 6, Cooper 7, Esser 6 (sub. Goodwin 6), O'Loughlin 7, Hilditch 6, Wellings 7, Martinez 7.
 Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 7, Wilson 7, Smith 6, Skipper 6, ★SPEEDIE 8, McFadden 7 (sub. Stalker), McLean 7, Hawker 6, Hamilton 7, Walsh 7.

Referee: G. Naphine (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
 WIGAN (2) 3 (Barrow 1, 60, Bradd 29)
 COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Bremner 62, Osborne 88)
 Att: 6,747
 Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Lloyd 6, Methven 7, Glenn 6, Cribley 6, O'Keefe 6, ★BARROW 9, Evans 6, Bradd 7, Houghton 6.
 Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Wignall 6, Wright 7, Coleman 6, Leslie 6, Cotton 6, ★BREMNER 8, Osborne 7, Packer 5 (sub. Longhorn), Allinson 6.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Hewitt 43, McLeish 74)
 DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Dodds 47)
 Att: 12,800
 Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, Watson 7, McLeish 7, Miller 6, ★STRACHAN 8, Cooper 6, McGhee 6, Simpson 7, Hewitt 6.
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 6, Stark 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, ★BANNON 8, Gibson 6, Kirkwood 7, Sturrock 6, Dodds 6.
Referee: K. J. Hope (Clarkston)
Match Rating: ★★★

CELTIC (2) 2 (Sullivan 21, Burns 43)
 AIRDRIE (0) 0
 Att: 12,000
 Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 7, Aitken 7, Moyes 6, MacLeod 7, Sullivan 6, ★BURNS 8, Craigne 7, McGarvey 6, McCluskey 6 (sub. McAdam 7).
 Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 7, Rodger 7, Anderson, M 6, ★ANDERSON, G 8, McKeown 6, Gordon 7, Campbell 6, Kerr 6 (sub. March), Thomson 6 (sub. McGuire 6), Walker 7.
Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Fraser 19, Stephen 87)
 HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Callaghan 55, 76)
 Att: 4,345
 Dundee: Geddes 7, McKinnie 6, Cameron 7, Smith 6, Glennie 7, Kidd 6 (sub. Stephen), Fraser 7, Sinclair 6, ★FERGUSON 8, McGeachie 7, Mackie 6.
 Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Schaedler 7, Paterson 7, McNamara 6, ★CALLACHAN 8 (sub. Rice), MacLeod 7 (sub. MacLaren), Flavell 6, Rae 6, Murray 7, Duncan 6.
Referee: D. Galloway (Pittlefield)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 0
 ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Richardson 79)
 Att: 4,200
 Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, McLoughlin 7, Duffy 6, Rooney 6, Busby 6 (sub. Houston 7), Docherty 6, McNeil 7, ★HUTCHISON 8, Ritchie 6.
 St Mirren: ★THOMSON 8, McCormack 6, Beckett 6, Fulton 7, Copland 6, Abercrombie 7, Stark 6, Richardson 6, McDougall 6, Bone 7, Scanlon 6 (sub. Somner 6).
Referee: W. Knowles (Inveruire)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (0) 4 (Johnstone 47, Russell 67, Bett, pen 71, MacDonald 82)
 PARTICK (0) 1 (Johnston 56)
 Att: 8,000
 Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 6, Dawson 7, McClelland 7, Jackson 6 (sub. Black), Bett 7 (sub. Davis), Russell 7, Redford 6, ★JOHNSTONE 8, Dalziel 7, MacDonald 7.
 Partick: Rough 6, McKinnon 7, Lapsley 6, Dunlop 6, Kaye 6, Jardine 7, O'Hara 6 (sub. MacDonald), Weston 7, ★PARK 8, Higgins 7 (sub. Sweeney), Johnston 6.
Referee: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

CLYDEBANK (3) 5 (Miller 14, 57, 83, Coyne 19, Ronald 45)
 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Phillips 69)
 Att: 500
 Dunfermline (0) 0
 Dumbarton (0) 0
 Att: 2,000
 East Stirling (0) 1 (Rennie 89)
 Raith (0) 1 (Ballantyne 72)
 Att: 300
 Hearts (0) 1 (Byrne 66)
 Queens Park (0) 0
 Att: 3,777

KILMARNOCK (1) 4 (MacLeod 34, Bourke 50, Armstrong 52, McDicken 80)
 FALKIRK (1) 1 (Stevenson 23)
 Att: 1,900

MOTHERWELL (2) 3 (Irvine 18, McLoughlin 24, Clelland 78)
 HAMILTON (1) 2 (Wright 10, Howie 50)
 Att: 4,030

ST JOHNSTONE (2) 3 (Rutherford 22, Morton 27, Beedie 66)
 Ayr (1) 2 (Shanks 16, Frye 78)
 Att: 1,792

Second Division

ALBION ROVERS (1) 1 (Evans, pen 29)
 ALLOA (1) 1 (Murray 40)
 Att: 200

Clyde (0) 1 (Reilly 90)
 Berwick (1) 2 (O'Connor 40, 65)
 Att: 580

East Fife (0) 1 (Caithness 89)
 Stirling (1) 2 (Leetion 19, Colquhoun 54)
 Att: 400

Forfar (2) 3 (Gallagher 3, Leitch 45, Porter 60)
 Stranraer (0) 0
 Att: 952

Meadowbank (1) 1 (Leetion 31)
 Cowdenbeath (0) 0
 Att: 200

Montrose (1) 1 (Johnstone 42)
 Brechin (3) 4 (Campbell 23, pen 73, Leslie 30, Mackay 38)
 Att: 600

Stenhousemuir (0) 0
 Arbroath (0) 2 (Docherty 57, Harley 58)
 Att: 500

LEADING SCORERS (League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Keegan (Southampton)	20	2	22
Rush (Liverpool)	11	11	22
Regis (West Brom)	12	8	20
Brazil (Ipswich)	13	6	19
McDermott (Liverpool)	13	3	16
Dalglish (Liverpool)	8	7	15

Division Two

Stainrod (QPR)	12	7	19
Bannister (Sheff Wed)	17	1	18
Moore (Rotherham)	16	2	18
Varadi (Newcastle)	14	2	16
White (Luton)	15	1	16
Garner (Blackburn)	11	4	15

Division Three

Cassells (Oxford)	10	11	21
Davies (Fulham)	17	1	18
Kellow (Exeter)	16	1	17
Thomas (Oxford)	12	4	16
Coney (Fulham)	9	6	15
Phillips (Southend)	13	2	15

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	27	7	34
Cooke (Peterborough)	22	4	26
Mutrie (Hull)	24	1	25
Edwards (Sheff Utd)	22	1	23
Allinson (Colchester)	17	5	22
Campbell (Bradford)	17	3	20

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Clark (Airdrie)	14	2	16
McCluskey (Celtic)	13	3	16
Sturrock (Dundee Utd)	8	8	16
McGarvey (Celtic)	10	5	15
MacLeod (Celtic)	8	5	13
Bannon (Dundee Utd)	7	6	13
Dodds (Dundee Utd)	8	5	13
MacDonald (Rangers)	7	6	13
Johnstone (Rangers)	7	6	13

First Division

Miller (Clydebank)	18	4	22
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	14	3	17
Frye (Ayr)	9	8	17
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	15	2	17
Irvine (Motherwell)	15	0	15
Clelland (Motherwell)	14	1	15

Hobson is hungry

LINCOLN striker Gordon Hobson is back and hungry for goals.

His hat-trick in the recent 5-0 demolition of Doncaster proved that he has blown away the cloud of depression that has hung over him for most of the season.

And that's heartening news for the Lincoln faithful who have seen their side inch their way into the promotion reckoning in the Third Division.

Gordon was a key figure last season with 21 goals as Lincoln climbed back into the Third Division, but for most of this term it's been one long nightmare for the talented striker.

Such was his loss of confidence early on that he managed only two goals in 13 matches before being dropped by manager Colin Murphy.

And to add to his problems, he suffered a stomach strain while clearing snow outside his home and it was not until the middle of February that he was reinstated to regular first team duty.

By that time, Lincoln were on the right path towards the promotion zone and Gordon's winner against Brentford and the three-goal blast against Doncaster helped to maintain their dramatic progress.

His return to the goal trail has come as a great relief to the winger.

"I just don't know what went wrong early on in the season," he says.

"I missed a few easy chances and my whole confidence went, plus my appetite for the game.

"I had never felt so low in my career.

"The team was having problems in adjusting to Third Division football and I just went from bad to worse.

"In the end, the manager told me that it would probably be better if I was left out for a few matches in a bid to recover my form in the reserves.

"But within two matches of being dropped, I hurt myself clearing snow and in the end it was two months before I could play again.

"It was an agonising time. It was so bad, in fact, that I never went and watched the team play while I was injured.

"I'm a terrible watcher and going to matches would have made me even more depressed.

"In the meantime, the side gradually settled down to the extent that we've lost only once since Christmas.

"The manager called me in a few

for goals

days before the game with Newport in the middle of February to see whether I was ready to return.

"He wanted to know whether my attitude was right. I told him I wouldn't really know until kick-off time.

"But he had faith in me and I hope those four goals in two games have proved that I'm on the way back.

"I don't think it was anything more than a loss of confidence due to missed chances.

"I had scored goals in the Third Division before in the season we were relegated when I was playing as a winger.

"Now we are playing with three centre-forwards in myself, Glen Cockerill, who returned to the club this season, and Tony Cunningham.

"And it's working well at the moment. With the defence now looking solid, we are in with a chance of getting among the promotion places.

"The race is wide open at the moment because there are not many outstanding teams in the division and everybody is beating everybody else.

"I think we are one of the few teams in the division who are capable of getting something out of every match and, at the moment, we are confident of doing just that.

"We were fortunate in the Fourth Division last season that there were only about three or four good teams, and it could be the same this time in the Third.

"Now we have adjusted to the Third Division, I see no reason why we can't get the club into the Second Division for the first time in twenty years.

"But once there, I think the manager would have to strengthen the squad if we were to make any impression.

"Mind you, people thought we might have to do that this season, but apart from Glen Cockerill and loanee Wayne Turner, we've got the same players that got promotion last season."

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

Record-breaker!

EXETER midfielder Peter Rogers ended two impressive unbeaten records within a matter of days.

He scored both goals in the 2-1 win over Burnley which ended the Lancashire club's 20-match unbeaten run in the Third Division.

Then, a few days later, he scored the winner against leaders Fulham who had gone 15 League matches without a blemish.

Ron reaches a milestone

FORMER Chelsea player Ron Harris has become only the eleventh player to make 700 League appearances.

The Brentford player-coach reached the milestone in his side's 1-0 Third Division defeat at Lincoln on March 6.

Tommy's transfer

FORMER Scotland midfield player Tommy Craig has joined Third Division Carlisle on a free transfer.

He was in the Swansea side for the last few matches of last season when they achieved promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history.

He was previously with Aberdeen, Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle and Aston Villa.



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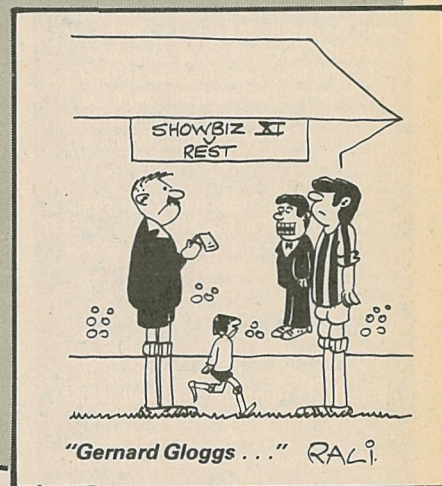
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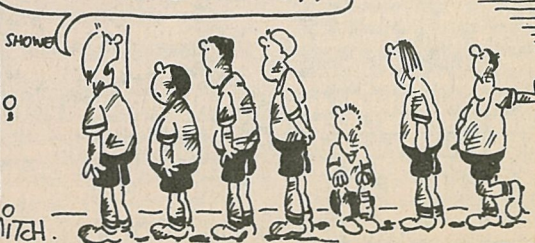
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EVANS ABOVE!

ALLAN Evans' inclusion in the Scotland squad against Holland for the first time came as such a big surprise that the Aston Villa defender didn't even know they had a game.

The big central defender had virtually given up all hope of playing for his country after being overlooked last season when Aston Villa were winning the First Division championship.

Now, with Villa struggling and out of the limelight, he suddenly finds himself in manager Jock Stein's mind as a possible contender for the World Cup Finals.

It's an amazing turnaround for the big Scot who just a few weeks ago was somewhat depressed after missing Villa's European Cup-tie in Russia through injury.

"I hadn't given Scotland a second thought when a local reporter told me I was in the squad for the match against Holland," says Allan.

"I had to admit that I didn't even know that Scotland had a friendly this month.

"Frankly, I had virtually given up all hope of selection. I was on stand-by for a World Cup game with Israel last year but was never called up.

"I thought I might get a chance in the British Championships, particularly with Aston Villa having been in the limelight all season, but I was overlooked.

Holiday

"So, at the start of this season, I had no thoughts at all about playing for Scotland, let alone the chance of a place in the World Cup Finals.

"In fact, I was planning a quiet family holiday in Scotland during the close season.

"But it's amazing how quickly fortunes in football can change.

"If I was going to get a chance, I would have thought it would have come last season when Villa were doing well and in the limelight.

"Now we are struggling in the League, I suddenly get called up, although I feel I am playing better this season.

"Just a few weeks ago, I was pretty depressed, having been forced to miss the European Cup-tie first leg in Russia through injury.

"But the call-up by Scotland has given me a big boost and I hope I can get the chance to prove myself at international level.

Scotland call comes out of the blue



No 12

ALLAN

EVANS

"It looks pretty certain that Alex McLeish and Alan Hansen will be the first choice central defenders in Spain.

"I haven't seen McLeish play but they say he is a pretty good player, and Hansen is about the best player of his type in the country.

"But if there is a chance to get into the squad, then I must take every opportunity that comes along."

Right: Allan Evans — 'I didn't even know that Scotland had got a game this month!'



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